A Guide to Disaster and Casualty Losses for the underappreciated tax Professionals.

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H.R. 1491, Disaster Related Extension of Deadlines Act, would extend the filing deadline for lookback purposes when a federal disaster is declared. Currently, the filing deadline is extended if a disaster is declared, but the lookback period of three years does not include the extra time given for filing. The bill would also require the due date of tax payments to be included in the extended tax payment deadline. It is pending in the Senate and has passed the House of Representatives.

Pending Legislation

H.R. 517, Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act, would authorize the IRS to provide federal tax relief to regions affected by disasters as soon as a state governor issues a declaration of disaster or state of emergency. It also expands the mandatory filing deadline extension to 120 days immediately following a federally declared disaster.

New Update!!

On December 12, 2024, President Joe Biden signed into law the "Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023"

This law calls for 3 main disaster relief provisions.

- 1. Extension of casualty loss rules for disasters
- 2. Exclude wildfire payments from gross income
- 3. Exclude East Palestine, OH, train derailment payments from gross income

Extension of Casualty Loss rules for disasters

This relief is available for disasters between Jan. 1, 2020 – Jan. 11, 2025 (if declared by Feb. 9, 2025). Taxpayers impacted by disasters during this period, such as hurricanes Helene and Milton, the wildfires in Hawaii and California, and the East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment, may go back and amend their tax returns to adjust for these changes.



1. Extension of Casualty Loss rules for disasters

Disaster-Related Tax Relief Extension

Sec. 301 – Definitions

- Applies to disasters declared on/after Dec. 28, 2019
- Relief ends 60 days after enactment
- Excludes COVID-only declarations

Sec. 304(b) – Casualty Losses

- No 10% AGI threshold required
- No need to itemize deductions

Current Law for Casualty Loss Deduction

Casualty Loss Deduction – Current vs. Qualified Disaster

Current Law (TCJA Rules Jan 1, 2018 – Dec.31, 2025*):

- Individuals:
 - Unless they are declared a disaster area, then no casualty deduction
 - Deduction allowed only if loss > 10% of AGI
 - \$100 reduction per casualty
 - Must itemize on Schedule A
 - Personal thefts are gone, with some exceptions

^{*} TCJA is still up in the air, so your guess is as good as mine. The Big Beautiful Bill is out there, but not a law to date.

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Casualty Loss Deduction – Current vs. Qualified Disaster

Current Law (TCJA Rules Jan 1, 2018 – Dec.31, 2025):

- Business/Investment/Ponzis:
 - No changes due to TCJA
 - No reduction of the loss by the dollar amount
 - No reduction of the percentage of the AGI.
 - Once the loss is determined, it will be spilt between long-term and short-term
 - Safe Harbor available

Qualified Disaster Current Tax Law

Qualified Disaster Loss (if designated by Congress):

- \$500 reduction per casualty
- No 10% AGI threshold
- Can deduct without itemizing
- If not designated, standard TCJA rules apply.*

Remember when we had Hurricanes in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 and they weren't designated by Congress, so we had to do them using the standard TCJA rules? Now, think about the "Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023" and the sweeping changes it made.





Name(s) shown on tax return

Casualties and Thefts

Attach to your tax return.

Use a separate Form 4684 for each casualty or theft.

So to www.irs.cov/Form4684 for instructions and the latest information.

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SECTION A—Personal Use Property (Use this section to report casualties and thefts of property not used in a trade or business or for income-producing purposes. For tax years 2018 through 2025, if you are an individual, casualty or theft losses of personal-use property are deductible only if the loss is attributable to a federally declared disaster. You must use a separate Form 4684 (through line 12) for each casualty or theft event involving personal-use property. If reporting a qualified disaster loss, see the instructions for special rules that apply before completing this section.)

If the casualty or theft loss is attributable to a federally declared disaster, check here and enter the DR-declaration number assigned by FEMA. (See instructions.)

Description of properties (show type, location (city, state, and ZIP code), and date acquired for each property). Use a separate line for each
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Section A:

- Personal Use Property only
- Disaster Area claims must include the FEMA Designation
 - DR-XXXX-YY (YY is the state or territory) Major Disaster
 - EM-XXXX-YY (YY is the state or territory) Emergency
 - Hurricane Milton is DR-4834-FL
 - Hurricane Helene is DR-4828-FL
- There can be a gain on a casualty even if no loss is allowed due to federally declared disaster area.

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Name	(s) shown on tax return. Do not enter name and identifying number	if show	n on other side.			Identifying nur	nber
SEC	TION B-Business and Income-Producing P	rope	rty				
Pa	Casualty or Theft Gain or Loss (Use a	sepa	rate Part I for ea	ch casualty or th	eft.)		
10	Description of properties (show type, location, and date a the same casualty or theft. See instructions if claiming a						
	Property A						
	Property B						
	Property C						
	Property D						
					erties		
		_	A	В		С	D
20	Cost or adjusted basis of each property	20			_		
21	Insurance or other reimbursement (whether or not you						
	filed a claim). See the instructions for line 3	21					
	Note: If line 20 is more than line 21, skip line 22.						
22	Gain from casualty or theft. If line 21 is more than line 20, enter				l		
	the difference here and on line 29 or line 34, column (c), except				l		
	as provided in the instructions for line 33. Also, skip lines 23 through 27 for that column. See the instructions for line 4 if line				l		
	21 includes insurance or other reimbursement you did not				l		
	claim, or you received payment for your loss in a later tax year	22					
23	Fair market value before casualty or theft	23					
24	Fair market value after casualty or theft	24					
25	Subtract line 24 from line 23	25					
26	Enter the smaller of line 20 or line 25	26					
	Note: If the property was totally destroyed by casualty or						
	lost from theft, enter on line 26 the amount from line 20.						
27	Subtract line 21 from line 26. If zero or less, enter -0	27					
28	Casualty or theft loss. Add the amounts on line 27. Enter the						
Par	Summary of Gains and Losses (from s	epara	ate Parts I)	(b) Losses from o	asualtie	s or thefts	(c) Gains from
	(a) Identify casualty or theft			(i) Trade, business, rental, or royalty property	produ	Income- cing property	casualties or theft includible in incom
	Casualty or Theft	of P	roperty Held Or	ne Year or Less			
29	_			()	()	
				()	()	
30	Totals. Add the amounts on line 29		30	()	()	
31	Combine line 30, columns (b)(i) and (c). Enter the net gain						
32	not otherwise required, see instructions					31	
32	Schedule A (Form 1040), line 16; or Schedule A (Form 104	40-NR)	line 7. (Do not inclu	ide any loss on prop	erty us	ed as	
	an employee.) Estates and trusts, partnerships, and S con					· · 32	
	Casualty or Theft of			e Than One Yea	ar		
33	Casualty or theft gains from Form 4797, line 32					33	
34					()	
					()	
	Total losses. Add amounts on line 34, columns (b)(i) and (t		35	()	()	
	Total gains. Add lines 33 and 34, column (c)					36	
37	Add amounts on line 35, columns (b)(i) and (b)(ii)					37	
	If the loss on line 37 is more than the gain on line 36:						
3	Combine line 35, column (b)(i), and line 36, and enter the r						
	the Note below. All others, enter this amount on Form	4797, 1	ine 14. If Form 479	7 is not otherwise r	equired	, see 38a	
	instructions						
	Enter the amount from line 35, column (b)(ii), here. Individ Schedule A (Form 1040), line 16; or Schedule A (Form 104						
	an employee.) Estates and trusts, enter on the "Other						
						38b	
39	If the loss on line 37 is less than or equal to the gain on lin				Partners	ships,	
	see the Note below. All others, enter this amount on Form					39	
	Note: Partnerships, enter the amount from line 38a, 38b,	or 39 o	n Form 1065, Sched	tule K, line 11.			
	S corporations, enter the amount from line 38a or 38b on	Form 1	120-S, Schedule K,	ine 10.			400
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Section B:

- This is for Business and Income Producing property
- Additional step of dividing the property by Long-term and short-term holding periods.
 - This is used for determining where to carry the losses and gains.
 - Losses will be carried to Form 4797
- Partnerships/S Corps enter the losses directly on the Schedule K
 - Other income (losses)

Name(s) shown on tax return		Identifying	number
SECTION C-Theft Loss Deduction for Ponzi-Type Investment Scheme Usi	ng the	Procedures in	Revenue
Procedure 2009-20 (Complete this section in lieu of Appendix A in Revenue Pro	cedure	2009-20. See i	instructions.)
Part I Computation of Deduction			
40 Initial investment	40		-
41 Subsequent investments (see instructions)	41		4
42 Income reported on your tax returns for tax years prior to the discovery year			
(see instructions)	42		
43 Add lines 40, 41, and 42	43		
44 Withdrawals for all years (see instructions)	44		
45 Subtract line 44 from line 43. This is your total qualified investment	45		
46 Enter 0.95 (95%) if you have no potential third-party recovery. Enter 0.75 (75%) if you have	L		
potential third-party recovery	46		
47 Multiply line 46 by line 45	47		
48 Actual recovery	48		
49 Potential insurance/Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) recovery	49		
50 Add lines 48 and 49. This is your total recovery	50		
51 Subtract line 50 from line 47. This is your deductible theft loss. Include this amount on line			
28 of Section B, Part I. Do not complete lines 19-27 for this loss. Then complete Section B,			
Part II	51		
Part II Required Statements and Declarations (See instructions.)			
I am claiming a theft loss deduction pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2009-20 from a specified f	raudulent	arrangement cons	fucted by the follow
individual or entity.			
Name of individual or entity			
Taxpayer identification number (if known)			
Address			
I have written documentation to support the amounts reported in Part I of this Section C.			
I am a qualified investor, as defined in section 4.03 of Revenue Procedure 2009-20.			
If I have determined the amount of my theft loss deduction using 0.95 on line 46 above, I declare to any potential third-party recovery, as that term is defined in section 4.10 of Revenue Procedure 20		e not pursued and	do not intend to pu
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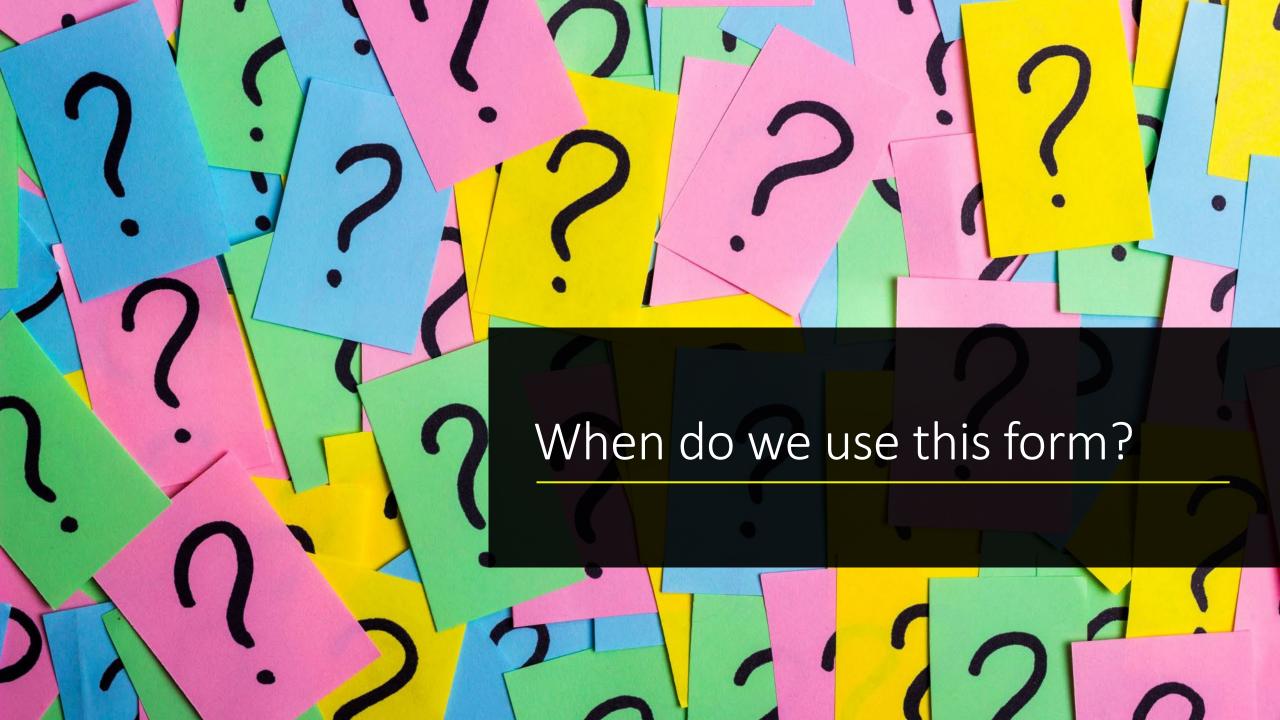
Section C:

- This is for a theft loss deduction for Ponzi-type Investment Schemes
 - Please don't over excited this. There are very strict rules for when you can use this and what year to use this.
 - Revenue Procedure 2009-20
 - Just because a client calls it a Ponzi scheme, doesn't mean it is. Do your own research first.
 - Bill appropriately.

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Section D:

- Part I
 - Used to elect to deduct federally declared disaster loss in a preceding tax year.
- Part II
 - Revocation of Prior Election



When do we use this form?

- The Disaster or Casualty Loss can be taken in the year of or the year before the loss.
 - Section D, Part I to elect to take the loss in the preceding tax year.
 - May also revoke in Section D, Part II
- The area is a federally declared disaster.

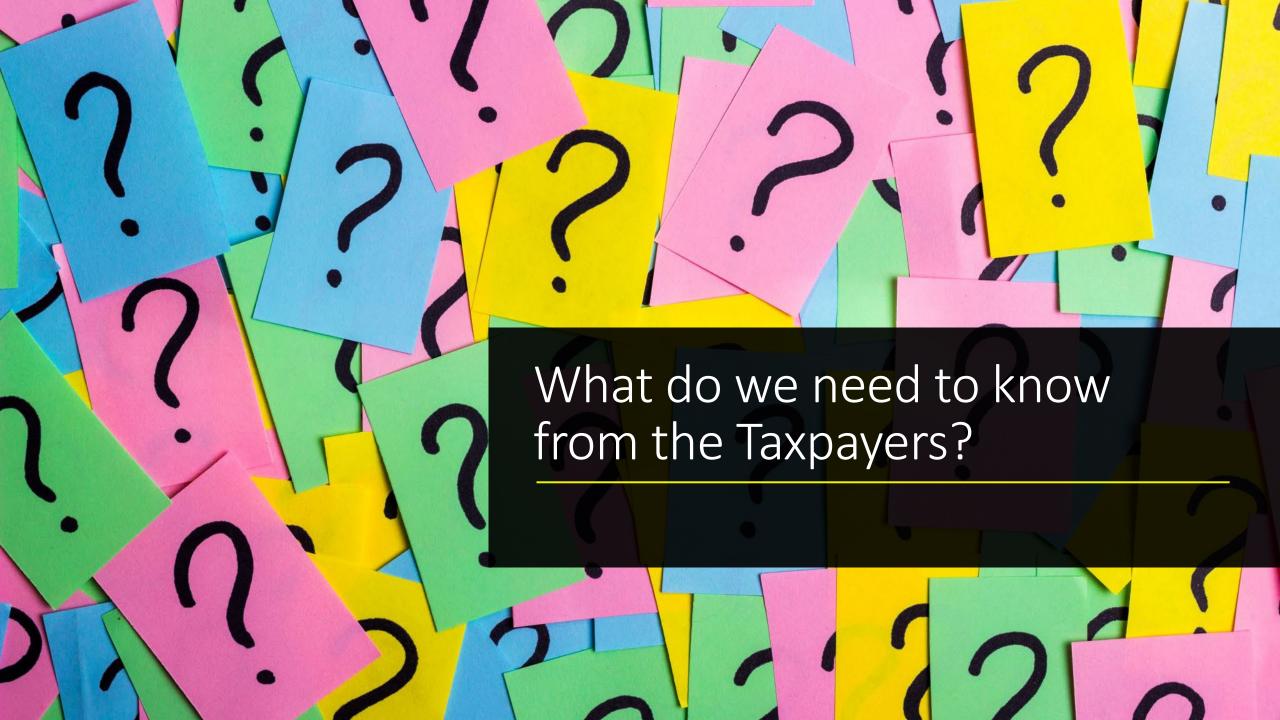
Do we have a Qualifying Casualty Disaster?

- Losses from damage, destruction or a loss of property due to a sudden, unexpected, and unusual identifiable event.
 - Hurricanes
 - Fires
 - Tornados
- Not included:
 - Damage to non-business property from storms, fire, mishaps
 - AC leaks
 - Roof leaks
 - Pipe Leaks

FEDERAL DISASTERS OVERVIEW

Under the Stafford Act, the President can designate an incident as:

- Emergency: any occasion or instance for which Federal assistance is needed to supplement efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety or lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States.
- Major Disaster: any natural catastrophe, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion, in any part of the USA, which in the determination of the President causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance to supplement the efforts and available resources in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused thereby:



What do we need from the Taxpayers?

- The address of the property.
- The dates of the damage
- Insurance Records
 - All letters
 - All adjustors' reports
 - All documents provided by the Insurance Company
 - Exact amounts and payments from the Insurance companies. Do not estimate.

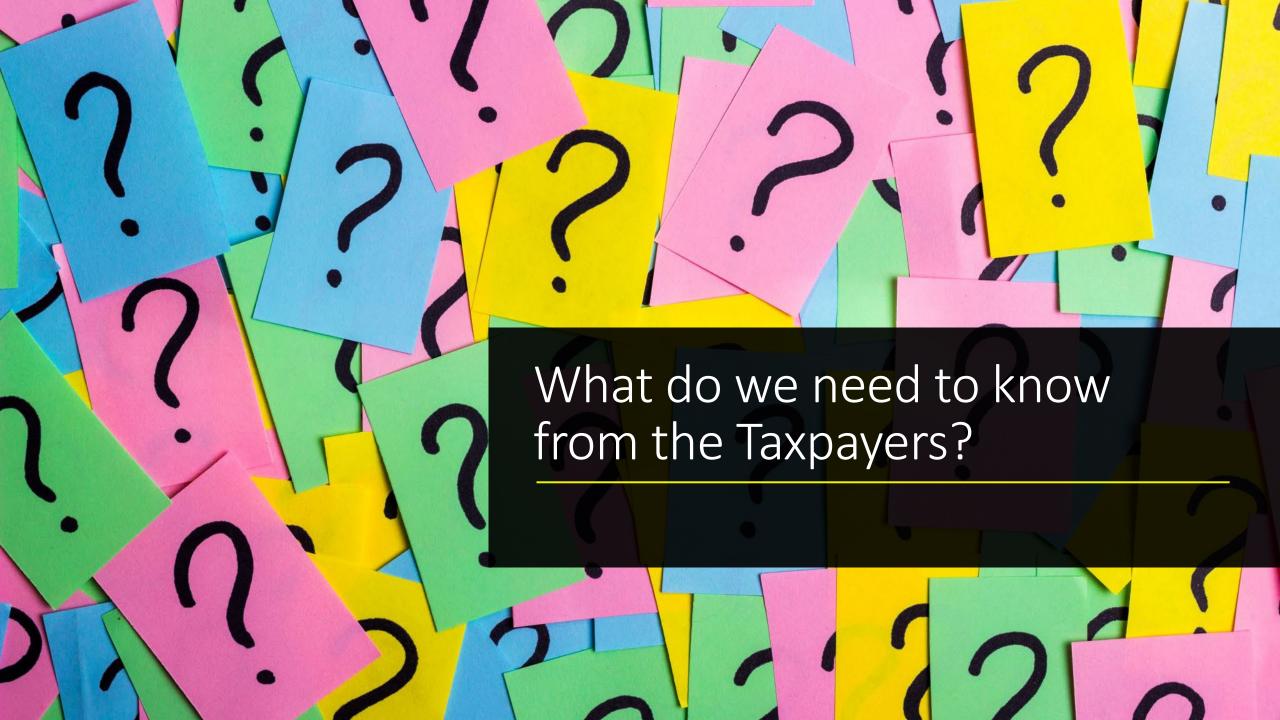
What do we need from the Taxpayers?

• Warnings:

- No insurance documents are going to be an issue especially when determining the Fair Market Value.
 - You can determine the fair market value by using 3rd parties
 - Goodwill, NADA, Kelly Blue Book, Car Fax, Reasonable standards
- Some documents may be lost in a subsequent disaster, so be prepared to guide the client in reconstruct of the documents
- You are not a storage facility for your client. They have the obligation to keep the records, pictures, videos, etc. This is not your responsibility.
- Document, Document, Document

What should your client keep?

- All Insurance Paperwork
- Pictures of the damage before and after
- Videos before and after
- Get and save actual receipts
 - If they paid someone through Zelle, Venmo, Cash App, then Screenshot it and save it. Make sure it is clear what they paid for.
 - Any numbers they provide us and how it was calculated needs to be backed up and all information saved.





Line 1: Description of Property

- House
- Car
- Landscaping
- City, State, and Zip Code
- Date Acquired
- It is important to do a separate line for House damage, Car, etc. I recommend using the Insurance documents as your guide.
- There is no need to do a separate line for each room or area.



Line 2: Cost or Other Basis

- Original cost plus improvements
- Pub. 551 for Basis other than Cost
- If the IRS audits, where did you get this number
 - Purchase documents
 - Receipts from purchase
 - Bank statements
 - Loan documents
 - Recreate using Goodwill or "Its Deductible" for furniture.
 - Not just businesses need good recordkeeping.

Line 3: Insurance or other reimbursements (whether you filed a claim or not)

- Insurance checks or amounts paid on your behalf
- Forgiven federal disaster loans
- FEMA relief funds
- A relief agency cleans, repairs, restores your properties.
- Court award damages, minus legal fees





Line 3: Insurance or other reimbursements (whether you filed a claim or not)

- If the taxpayer could have filed a claim and didn't, by choice or not, they may not take the loss greater than their deductible.
- Insurance payments are received or expected to be received.



- What if I didn't file a claim but had insurance?
 - Your car was worth \$2,000
 - \$500 deductible
 - You don't really want to file claim because hello?
 Florida Car Insurance Rates!
 - You enter \$1,500 on this line (2000-500)



- The Insurance company sent you one big check for everything:
 - You must divide the amounts received among the assets according to the FMV of each assets at the time of the loss.
 - Could be multiple hurricanes in a row that caused damaged
 - High end items lost in a storm
 - Multiple Cars

Line 4: Gain from Casualty

- If line 3 is more than line 2, enter the difference here and skip Line 5-9
- If you filed a claim for reimbursement but didn't receive it until after the year of the casualty or theft, include the gain in your income in the year you received the reimbursement.
- YOU HAVE A GAIN (INCOME)
 FROM THE CASUALTY.



Line 5: FMV before Casualty

Line 6: FMV after
Casualty

FMV

Fair market value (FMV) is the price at which the property would be sold between a willing buyer and a willing seller, each having knowledge of the relevant facts. The difference between the FMV immediately before the casualty or theft and the FMV immediately after represents the decrease in FMV because of the casualty or theft.

How do we get the FMV before and after?







The adjustor's report



An appraisal

Sales of comparable property about the time of the casualty

Knowledge of your property before and after the occurrence

The methods of determining FMV

How do we get the FMV before and after?

- Replacement cost or the cost of repairs isn't necessarily FMV
 - Can use as evidence of the damage of the loss if they were made
 - The repairs are necessary to restore the property to the condition it was in immediately before the event.
 - The amount isn't excessive
 - The repairs only correct the damage caused by the Casualty, and
 - The value of the property after repairs isn't more than the value of the property immediately before the casualty (as a result of the repairs).

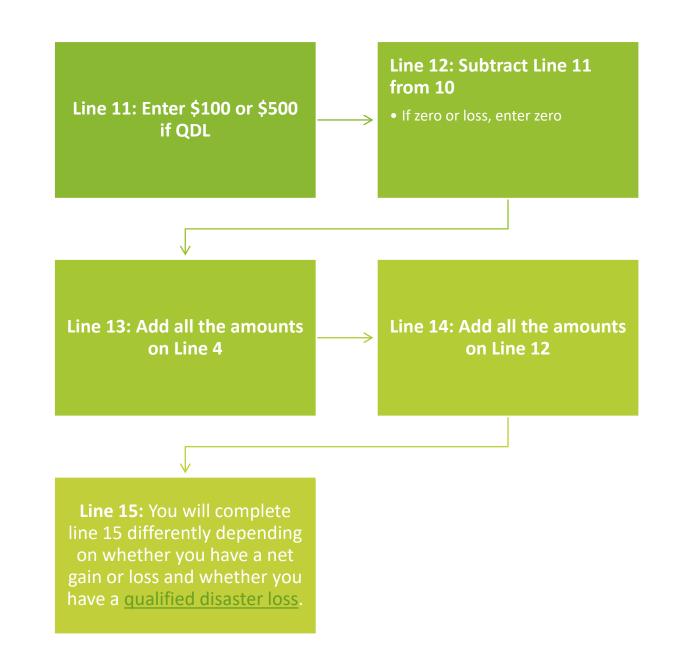


Figure the Casualty Loss to Real Estate*

- To measure the decrease in value of the property as a whole.
 - All improvements, such as buildings, trees, and shrubs, are considered together as one item.
 - Figure the loss separately for other items.
 - For example, figure the loss separately for each piece of furniture.
 - Revenue Procedure 2018-08 (safe harbor method)
 - Insurance Policies will often include furniture in the payout and the FMV.
 - I have never seen them audit furniture or remove furniture from a claim

^{*} not used in a trade or business, or for income-producing purposes

Let's walk through





Audits

- What does the IRS want?
 - Pictures of the damage
 - Videos of the damage
 - All insurance paperwork
 - Adjustor's report
 - FEMA report
 - Any items used in preparation of the Form 4684
 - Amounts paid AND Receipts, not Bank Statements or Credit Card Statements.



Audits



In my experience, these are very difficult to win because the CLIENTS do not save the documentation or have proof of the numbers, they put on the FMV lines.

You don't have a requirement to save it, the client does.

The hardest item to defend is the FMV before and after. Insurance paperwork makes this much easier to work with.

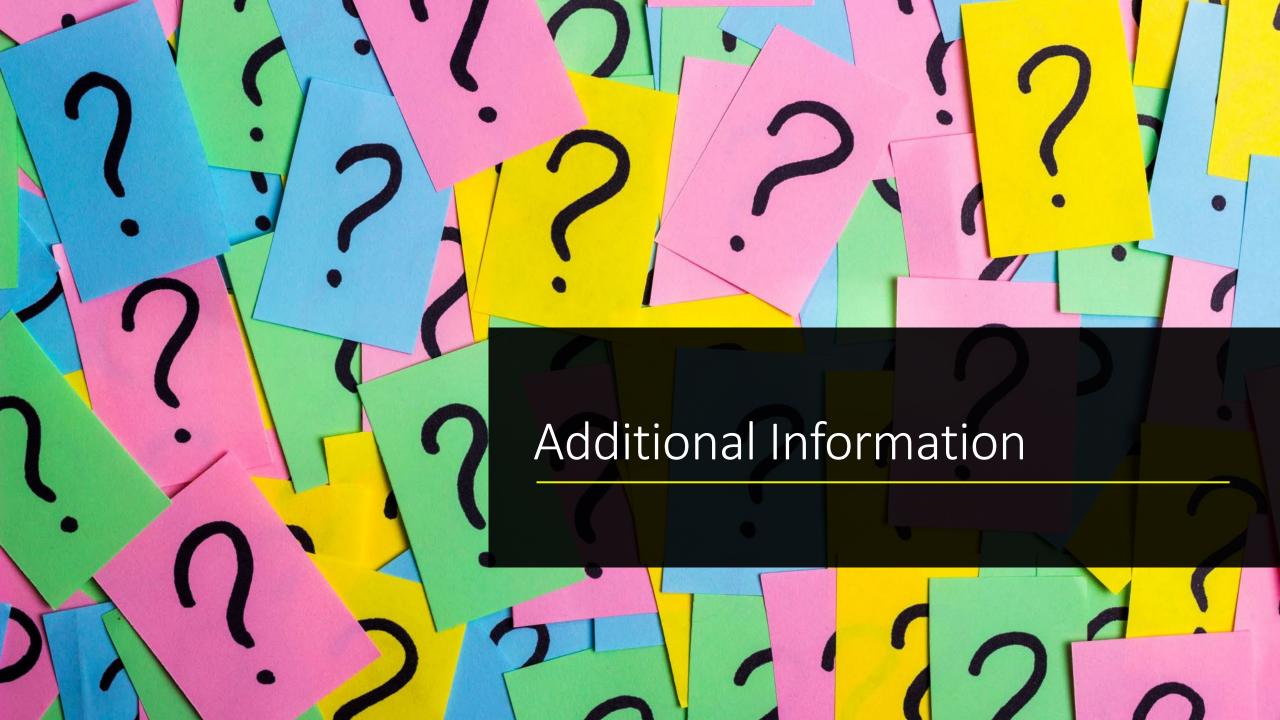
The IRS wants videos and pictures of before and after.

Audits



We are not just data entry people. We provide a service to our clients. This is an opportunity for us to show our clients our value and remind of them of it.

- ☐ Send an email or letter at the beginning of Hurricane season (June 1 Nov. 30) with some recommendations:
 - ☐ Walk around your home video and take pictures of everything before each storm.
 - ☐ Remind them about their important paperwork to grab in case of evacuation.
 - ☐ I have included my letter in the supplements.





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FEDERAL DISASTERS POSTPONEMENTS: IRS announcements

- The IRS issues 2 types of Press Releases:
 - IR Press Release: This is a press release that basically covers the broader details and is for everyone.
 - Hurricane Milton Press Releases:
 - IR-2024-266
 - IR-2024-265
 - IR-2024-264
 - State detailed Press Release: This press release focuses in on the details that we need as professionals. It is state specific.
 - Hurricane Milton Press Release for Florida:
 - FL-2024-10

FEDERAL DISASTERS

- FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency issues a number that happens for each event.
 - DR-XXXX-YY (YY is the state or territory) Major Disaster
 - EM-XXXX-YY (YY is the state or territory) Emergency
- Hurricane Milton is DR-4834-FL
 - Incident period: 10/5/2024 to 11/2/2024
 - Declaration Date: 11/5/2024
- Hurricane Helene is DR-4828-FL
 - Incident period: 9/23/2024 to 10/7/2024
 - Declaration Date: 9/28/2024

FEDERAL DISASTERS POSTPONEMENTS: Automatic 60-day

Trigger: major disaster declaration (begins on the earliest incident date specified in a disaster declaration and ends on the date that is 60 days after the latest incident date specified in the disaster declaration)

Covered taxpayers: principal residence in the area; principal place of business (not employee) in the area; relief worker in the area; necessary records for certain tax acts in the area; individual killed or injured due to disaster; spouse of covered taxpayer if they file a joint return

Covered acts: filing of returns; payment of tax; Tax Court petition or appealing a Tax Court decision; allowance of a credit or refund; filing of a refund or credit claim; bringing suit for a refund or credit claim; certain retirement-related acts

FEDERAL DISASTERS POSTPONEMENTS: Discretionary Up to One Year

Trigger: major disaster declaration; significant fire; terroristic or military action (dates specified in IRS guidance)

Covered taxpayers: principal residence in the area; principal place of business (not employee) in the area; relief worker in the area; necessary records for certain tax acts in the area, including estates and trusts; individual killed or injured due to disaster; spouse of covered taxpayer with respect to the joint return; any other person specified in guidance

Covered acts: as specified in IRS guidance (typically those outlined in Treas. Reg. §301.7508A-1(c)(1) and Rev. Proc. 2018-58)

Resources:

- https://www.fema.gov/disaster
- https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations
- Publication 547
- Topic 515
- Publication 584
- Revenue Procedure 2018-08
- Revenue Procedure 2018-09
- Code Section 7508A
- IRC Section 165©









THANK YOU!

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