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## Illinois Tax Filing and Payment Extensions Due to March 2023 Tornadoes

This bulletin is written to inform you of recent changes; it does not replace statutes, rules and regulations, or court decisions.

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) is providing tax filing and payment relief to affected individuals and businesses in response to the March tornadoes and severe storms.

### Who are affected taxpayers?

Affected taxpayers are those who are unable to meet the regularly scheduled filing or payment deadlines due to damages sustained from the storms and

- who live in a covered disaster area,
- who have a business located in a covered disaster area, or
- whose records necessary to meet a filing or payment deadline are located in a covered disaster area.

### For more information

Visit our website at:  
[tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov)

Register and file your return online at:  
[mytax.illinois.gov](http://mytax.illinois.gov)

Email us at:

- Individual income tax questions:  
[REV.TA-IIT@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.TA-IIT@illinois.gov)
- Business and withholding income tax questions:  
[REV.TA-BIT-WIT@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.TA-BIT-WIT@illinois.gov)
- Sales and use tax questions:  
[REV.TA-Sales@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.TA-Sales@illinois.gov)

Call us at:

1 800 732-8866 or  
217 782-3336

Call our TDD

(telecommunications device for the deaf) at:

1 800 544-5304

Hours:

Monday through Friday,  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The covered disaster area includes the following counties:  
**Boone, Crawford, DuPage, Marion, and Sangamon.**

### What is the filing and payment relief?

**Income Tax, Replacement Tax, Withholding Tax, Sales and Use\* Tax filers**--IDOR will offer tax relief to affected taxpayers for returns and payments due on or after March 31, 2023, through May 31, 2023. Affected taxpayers have six months from the due date to file returns and pay any taxes that were due during this period. Penalties and interest will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances after the six-month period. Any interest and penalty charges will be waived for taxes due on or after March 31, 2023, through May 31, 2023, if paid during the six-month tax relief period.

For all other taxes not specifically listed, contact IDOR at [REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov). IDOR will review your request on a case by case basis.

\* Motor Fuel Use Tax (IFTA) is not included. For storm relief questions related to Motor Fuel Use Tax, email [REV.IFTA@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.IFTA@illinois.gov).

## How do I claim the disaster relief?

To claim the disaster relief:

- **Paper filers** – Write “Tornado – March 2023” in red on the outside of your envelope and on the top of each page of the tax return or payment, and include a brief written explanation of why you could not file or pay timely.
- **Electronic filers** – Notify IDOR by email at [REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov), and include your name, account identification number (if using a Social Security number, only include the last four digits), mailing address used on your return, period that is affected, and a brief explanation of why the return or payment will be late.

**NOTE:** In your explanation, please indicate which location, if applicable, was affected by the tornadoes along with any additional documentation to support your request.

Even though the deadline has been extended, any taxpayer expecting a refund is encouraged to file as soon as they can. The fastest, most secure way to receive a refund is to file tax returns electronically and request direct deposit into a checking or savings account.

**Note:** If you have received a bill or statement that has assessed you penalties and interest for taxes owed or returns due on or after March 31, 2023, through May 31, 2023, and you were impacted by a tornado or severe storm in a covered disaster area, please reach out to us at [REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov).

## Where can I find more information?

For more information about federal relief, visit the IRS web page, [Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Businesses](#).

For more information about Illinois tax relief, visit IDOR’s website at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov).