



GUIDELINES FOR APPEALS FOR FLOOD DAMAGED HOMES

A property owner who experiences severe damage to their home or building as a result of flooding is eligible for an assessment reduction if the damage is *substantial* enough to affect the property value.

The type of damage that would affect the overall value would include, for example, *structural damage* to the foundation or walls, the flooring in the living area, or central heating and air conditioning units.

Assessment relief is **not** available for damage to personal property such as carpeting and furniture (these items are not taxed in Illinois), or for normal weather damage such as basement seepage, roof leaks, or loss of gutters.

The property owner or authorized representative must complete and sign a *Residential Assessed Valuation Appeal Form*. Along with the appeal form, it is necessary to submit the following materials:

**DATA TO
SUBMIT
WITH
APPEAL
FORM**

1. a *detailed written description* of the damages
2. all pertinent records such as *photographs, insurance estimates, repair estimates and/or bills*
3. amount of any *disaster relief rehabilitation loan* approved by an agency of the federal government in the current year or any previous year
4. any information relating to a prior year assessed valuation appeal based on flood damage.

Appeal forms and documentation may be filed by mail or in person. An appeal may only be filed while the Assessor's Office is accepting appeals for your township. To obtain township filing dates, contact the Assessor's Office, or visit the Assessor's Office Website at www.cookcountyassessor.com.

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