



## 2021 Winter Storm

If your property suffered physical damage from the 2021 winter storm, you may be eligible for a Temporary Exemption for Property Damaged by Disaster.

### Qualifications

In order to qualify for the exemption, your property damage must be equal to 15% or more of your appraised value for 2021. You can find your 2021 value on the Notice of Appraised Value that will be mailed in early April. While we are aware that many homes have suffered from broken pipes and other damages, the law insists we only approve applications for homes that have a damage rating of **at least 15%**. The exemption cannot be applied to land.

### Proration of Exemption

The exemption amount will be prorated based on the date Governor Abbott declared the disaster. The exemption will be applied for the time between February 12, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This means property owners will receive 88.22% of the exemption. Owners should be aware that because of the proration, they will not receive the exemption for the full year.

### Application

The application for the exemption is due **May 28, 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted. Please find the application in the “Forms” section of our website.

Along with the application, please include evidence of damages, estimates for repairs, damage estimates, pictures of the damage, and any invoices for repairs that have been completed. This will be required in order for HCAD staff to assign an accurate damage assessment to your property.

**Applications submitted without the requested evidence will be denied.**

Applications can be mailed, dropped off in person at the Hardin County Appraisal District, emailed, or faxed between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

**Please contact our office with any questions and submit your application to one of the following:**

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