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Do You Know Someone Affected by the Canyon Fire 2?

The Treasurer-Tax Collector has been notified that only a few taxpayers have requested a lowering of their property taxes due to damages from this fire. Those taxpayers who lost their homes should consider applying to temporarily lower their property taxes. Due to the Canyon Fire 2 in 2017, certain taxpayers may not have been able to pay their first installment of their 2017-18 Annual Secured Property taxes by the last timely date of December 11, 2017, and may have received a 10% penalty. Those taxpayers may file for a penalty cancellation by completing the [application for reassessment](#) with the Assessor. Once we receive this form from the Assessor, we will process a waiver of any penalties. This will also allow us to postpone payment until you receive a revised secured property tax bill from us.

In addition, if you have not filed yet, and you had full or partial damage to your home, you may qualify for deferral of your upcoming April secured property taxes and a cancellation of any December penalties for temporary property tax relief. Please complete the [application for reassessment](#) with the Assessor. "Substantial disaster damage" means damage amounting to at least 10 percent of its fair market value or \$10,000, whichever is less if you have property receiving a homeowners' exemption. For all other property, the damage must be at least 20 percent of value. However, a deferral of property taxes is not available if your property taxes are paid through an impound account, but a temporary lowering of property taxes is available if damages meet the minimum qualifications.

If you lost your home or had partial damage and qualify, the current property taxes will be reduced for that portion of the property damaged or destroyed. This reduction will be from the date of the damage, and will remain in effect until the property is rebuilt or repaired once you file the [application for reassessment](#) with the county assessor.

If you have further questions on the postponement of property taxes, please contact the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector at ttcinfo@ttc.ocgov.com or 714-834-3411. For further information on other Disaster FAQs, please go to ttc.ocgov.com and click on Property Tax Disaster relief.

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