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Great news for Texans!

**Recently, the IRS announced that it is extending the April 15 tax-filing and payment deadline to June 15 for residents and businesses in all 254 Texas counties due to the power outages and damage caused by the recent winter storm.** If possible, we encourage you to submit your tax forms as soon as you can. Filing early helps reduce identity theft exposure and takes some stress off of your to do list. We are working hard to do the best job possible for you during a constantly changing tax climate. Here's what you need to know.

### **What deadlines apply?**

According to the IRS, the new deadline (June 15) applies to:

- Various 2020 business tax returns due on March 15.
- 2020 individual and business returns due on April 15.
- 2020 Traditional and Roth IRA contributions due on April 15.
- First quarter 2021 estimated tax payment due on April 15.
- Quarterly payroll and excise tax returns due on April 30.
- Tax-exempt organizations, operating on a calendar-year basis, that have a 2020 return due on May 17, 2021.
- Penalties on deposits due on or after February 11, 2021 and before February 26, 2021, will be abated as long as the tax deposits are made by February 26, 2021.

### **Do you need to do anything to get the deadline extension?**

No. The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief. If, however, you are an affected taxpayer who lives or has a business outside the covered disaster area, you do need to call the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227 to request this tax relief.

### **What if you receive a late filing or late payment penalty notice for the original deadline?**

If you receive either of these communications in error, call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty. For information on services currently available, visit the IRS operations and services page at [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus).

### **Are there any other changes or relief I should know about?**

The IRS announced it will also be waiving its usual fees and requests for copies of previously filed tax returns for affected Texans. Just put "Texas - Severe Winter Storms," in bold letters at the top of Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return PDF, or Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return PDF, as appropriate, and submit it to the IRS.