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Maine Revenue Services Conforms to Certain Federal Tax Relief in Disaster Situations

Maine Revenue Services has announced Maine tax filing relief for those located in federally declared disaster areas. Taxpayers who reside or have a business located in a federally declared disaster area as noted below will have additional time to file tax returns and submit tax payments.

The relief applies to all taxes administered by Maine Revenue Services, including Sales and Use Tax, Motor Fuel Taxes, Individual and Corporate Income Taxes, the Estate Tax and Financial Institution Franchise Tax. Note that the relief includes extended return filing due dates but does not include tax payments originally due before the disaster date.

- Hurricane Florence – Returns and tax payments due on or after September 7, 2018 for those in North Carolina or on or after September 8, 2018 for those in South Carolina and Virginia but before January 31, 2019 must be filed and paid on or before January 31, 2019.
- Hurricane Michael – Returns and tax payments due on or after October 7, 2018 for those in Florida or on or after October 9, 2018 for those in Georgia but before February 28, 2019 must be filed and paid on or before February 28, 2019.

Maine Revenue Services will abate interest and any late filing or late payment penalty that would otherwise apply.

To qualify for relief, affected taxpayers should write “HURRICANE FLORENCE,” or “HURRICANE MICHAEL” across the top of your return. Businesses or individuals located in the federally declared disaster area who receive penalties and interest for filing returns or paying taxes late during the relief period should contact Maine Revenue Services at 207-626-8475 (Income Tax programs), 207-624-9693 (Sales Tax programs), or 207-624-9609 (Motor Fuel Tax programs) for a waiver of the penalties and interest.

If the IRS grants relief to other areas affected by the hurricanes or grants an additional relief period, Maine Revenue Services intends to grant similar relief to affected Maine taxpayers.

Taxpayers with questions about special federal tax relief associated with federally declared disaster areas should contact the IRS at 866-562-5227 or go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov

for posted information. Taxpayers with questions about their Maine taxes are encouraged to contact Maine Revenue Services at 207-626-8475 (Income Tax programs), 207-624-9693 (Sales Tax programs), or 207-624-9609 (Motor Fuel Tax programs) or visit the Maine Revenue Services website at www.maine.gov/revenue.

Fraud Alert

If you believe you are a victim of identity theft or that a breach of personally identifiable information has occurred, contact MRS at (207) 626-8475 or email fraudalert.mrs@maine.gov as soon as possible. Timely notification assists MRS in preventing fraudulent tax refunds.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Telephone Numbers</u>	<u>FAX Numbers</u>	<u>E-mail Addresses</u>
Taxpayer Service Center	(207) 626-8475	(207) 287-5855	
Central Registration	(207) 624-5644	(207) 287-6975	taxregistration@maine.gov
Collections & Compliance	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	compliance.tax@maine.gov
Corporate Tax	(207) 624-9670	(207) 624-9694	corporate.tax@maine.gov
E-file Help Desk (1040 ONLY)	(207) 624-9730	(207) 287-6628	efile.helpdesk@maine.gov
Electronic Funds Transfer	(207) 624-5625	(207) 287-3618	efunds.transfer@maine.gov
Estate & Fiduciary Tax	(207) 626-8480	(207) 624-9694	estatetax@maine.gov
Fuel & Special Taxes	(207) 624-9609	(207) 287-6628	fuel.tax@maine.gov
Forms Request Line	(207) 624-7894		
Individual Income Tax Assistance	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	income.tax@maine.gov
Insurance Premium Tax	(207) 624-9753	(207) 624-9694	
NexTalk (TTY Service)	(888) 577-6690		
Payment Plan/Income Tax	(207) 621-4300	(207) 621-4328	compliance.tax@maine.gov
Payment Plan/Other	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	compliance.tax@maine.gov
Practitioners' Hotline	(207) 626-8458	(207) 624-9694	
Property Tax	(207) 624-5600	(207) 287-6396	prop.tax@maine.gov
Public Communications	(207) 626-8478	(207) 624-9694	
Sales Tax	(207) 624-9693	(207) 287-6628	sales.tax@maine.gov
Tax Clearance Letters	(207) 624-9595	(207) 287-6627	
Office of Tax Policy	(207) 624-9677	(207) 287-3618	
Taxpayer Advocate	(207) 624-9649	(207) 287-3618	taxpayer.advocate@maine.gov
Withholding Tax	(207) 626-8475	(207) 624-9694	withholding.tax@maine.gov
Tax Violations Hot Line	(207) 624-9600		

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