

# News

## ARIZONA Department of Revenue

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### ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE GRANTS RELIEF TO VICTIMS OF THE ARIZONA WILDFIRES

The Arizona Department of Revenue (DOR) will grant administrative relief to taxpayers potentially affected by the Wallow, Horseshoe II, and Monument fires.

“Dealing with the disaster is the number one priority,” said DOR Director Gale Garriott. “The goal is to alleviate any tax concerns of anyone affected by these tragedies.”

This relief is granted pursuant to §A.R.S. 42-2079, which authorizes the director of the Arizona Department of Revenue to extend any due date and suspend any penalty or interest that would accrue during a state of emergency.

A state of emergency has been declared for Apache and Greenlee Counties due to the Wallow Fire, and for Cochise County due to the Horseshoe II and Monument fires.

DOR will automatically grant a 60-day extension for all affected taxpayers having to file a return or make a payment during the month of June under Titles 42 and 43 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. For those having to file or make a payment in July, a 30-day extension will be granted. DOR will waive penalties and interest if the filing or payment is made during the extension period. This relief covers income taxes, transaction privilege (sales) and use taxes, luxury taxes, withholding taxes, and estimated payments. Depending on the progress of the fire, this extension may be lengthened and additional tax returns and/or payments may be added to the list.

Please check the DOR website ([www.azdor.gov](http://www.azdor.gov)) for updates. Or you may call:

Tax Assistance	
Individual/Corporate Income Taxes	Business Taxes (Transaction Privilege/Sales Tax, Use Tax, Withholding, etc.)
(602) 255-3381	(602) 255-2060
In state toll-free 800-352-4090	In state toll-free 800-843-7196

Taxpayers facing the expiration of their time limit to appeal a tax assessment should send the Department of Revenue a letter stating that they are requesting an extension as a result of the fires. The letter must include the taxpayer's name and identification number and must be postmarked before the time to appeal the assessment expires.

Individuals who are directly involved in fighting the fires, providing relief to victims, or assisting through a recognized organization are also eligible for the tax relief provided above.

Collection activities, including issuance of liens and levies, have been temporarily suspended for persons in the affected areas.

**To apply for the relief set forth above, taxpayers should write, "Wallow Fire", "Horseshoe II Fire" or "Monument Fire" on the top of the first page of returns and correspondence.**

If during this extension period you are assessed with penalty or interest, please write to:

Penalty Review Unit – "Arizona Fires"  
Arizona Department of Revenue  
1600 West Monroe  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2650

DOR does not expect this policy to result in any significant lost revenue. This administrative relief only extends filing dates and waives penalties and interest; it does not in any way waive taxes.

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