

Getting Ready for the New Year – 2018!

Many Matagorda County residents suffered property damage due to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Matagorda County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Vince Maloney is asking property owners to render their property as of January 1, 2018 on the Texas Comptroller's General Real Property Rendition form # 50-141. Property owners may find this form on the Matagorda County Appraisal District website www.matagorda-cad.org. Renditions for both real and personal property should be filed with the appraisal district between January 1 and April 1, 2018. If you feel that your property value has changed in value you should file a rendition to report the value. In your rendition, a property owner may want to include photos of the damage to the property as of the date January 1, 2018 and any supporting documentation giving the extent of the damage or repairs still to be made to the property.

If you are a business owner, the appraisal district will be mailing out Business Personal Property Renditions to all business owners in Matagorda County shortly after the first of the year. Business owners are reminded the 2018 Business Personal Property Rendition forms are due back to the appraisal district by April 1. Texas Property Tax Law provides that financial penalties be assessed to those businesses that do not render on time or at all. These penalties are added on to your tax bill at the end of the year.

January 1 of each year is the start date for a new tax year and the qualification date for property tax exemptions in the State of Texas. You may be entitled to a Homestead, Over-65, disabled person, disabled veteran and/or agricultural appraisal. Chief Appraiser Maloney encourages all property owners to act early so that a deadline does not go by without getting your application in timely. If a property owner has made changes in a property's ownership or exemption status to call the appraisal district after January 1 to make sure you have all the exemptions and special appraisals you are entitled to. A property owner may reach the Matagorda County Appraisal District at 979-244-2031 or drop by the office during normal business hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm located at 2225 Avenue G, Bay City, Texas 77414.

Chief Appraiser Maloney asks that if a property owner or business owner has any questions to please contact the Matagorda County Appraisal District for assistance.