

## **HOMEOWNERS OF DAMAGED PROPERTY MAY RECEIVE REDUCTION ON TAXABLE VALUE**

In the wake of recent heavy snow storms and strong wind storms, Medina County Auditor Michael E. Kovack reminds property owners and owners of manufactured homes that they may claim a reduction in the taxable value of structural property that has been destroyed or damaged.

Ohio law enables property owners and owners of manufactured homes to claim the reduction regardless of the cause of the damage. The amount of reduction is prorated based on the calendar quarter in which the damage occurred. Property owners must file an application with the Auditor's Office for a reduction no later than December 31st in the year that the damage occurred. For property damage that occurs during the last quarter of the calendar year, applications must be filed no later than January 31st. Refunds or credits may be available.

County Auditor Michael E. Kovack noted, "With the severity of this winter, the residents of Medina County who have sustained structural damage deserve the assistance that this law provides. That assistance is quick and effective property tax relief to those homeowners with damaged property."

For additional information, please call the Medina County Auditor's Office at:

Medina: 330-725-9139

Brunswick: 330-225-7100, ext. 9139

Wadsworth: 330-336-6657, ext. 9139

Or download the form from Auditor Kovack's website at [www.medinacountyauditor.org](http://www.medinacountyauditor.org). Just click on Forms and when the page comes up, click on "Destroyed or Damaged Property." Simply print out the form and mail it to the office for processing.