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Waller County Appraisal District reminds businesses of April 15 deadline for filing property tax renditions

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Waller County Appraisal District by April 15, 2014.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Chris Barzilla, Chief Appraiser.

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at you property before assigning a value in 2014.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2014. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Waller County Appraisal District at P. O. Box 887, 900 13th Street Hempstead, Texas 77445. Phone: 979-921-0060 or Fax: 979-921-0377. www.waller-cad.org

More information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121, ext. 1, or by visiting the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.