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Were you affected

## **Were you affected by the freeze in February 2021?**

### **Winter Storm 2021 Resources**

If you are seeking immediate legal assistance, please [apply online](#) or complete a [paper application](#) and submit it to [info@hvlp.org](mailto:info@hvlp.org).

[Recovering after a disaster - steps to take.](#) (Ready.Gov)

[Winter Storm Uri Consumer Resource Guide](#) (prepared by Baker Botts L.L.P.)

[HBA 2020 Consumer Law Handbook](#) (Houston Bar Association)

[Disaster Assistance Manual](#) (Texas Law Help)

### **Specific Issues**

#### **FEMA Assistance**

[FEMA Disaster Assistance](#) - The deadline to apply is April 20, 2021

[Appeal a FEMA Decision](#) (National Disaster Legal Aid)

[FEMA Appeal FAQ's](#) (National Disaster Legal Aid)

## **Housing**

**Update from the Harris County Appraisal District.** Homeowners may apply for a temporary disaster exemption if their property suffered physical damage as a result of the freeze.

**Avoiding Contractor Fraud** (English/Espanol) (SBP)

**File a Fraud Report**

**Handling Home Insurance Claims** (Texas Law Help/Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid)

**Renters Rights** (Lone Star Legal Aid)

## **Benefits**

**Apply for Texas Benefits**

## **Tax**

**Victims of Texas winter storms get deadline extensions and other tax relief.** (IRS)

 **HBA Press Release: Winter Storm Uri Legal Relief**

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