

# Support for businesses and homeowners affected by flooding

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The Government has announced a number of schemes to help businesses and homeowners who have been affected by flooding. The flooding must have taken place between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014.

**If you are interested in applying please visit our website where you will find application forms: <http://www.oxford.gov.uk/floodingsupport>  
Or call: 01865 249811**

## **Repair and Renew grant**

**What is it?** A scheme providing up to £5,000 per flood affected home or business to pay to fund additional flood resilience or resistance measures for homes and businesses. These measures could include things like a new driveway barrier or replacing doors and windows with water resistant alternatives, or moving electricity sockets to a safer level.

## **Council Tax relief**

**What is it?** Any householder who had their living accommodation significantly impacted by flooding between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014 will receive 100% Council Tax discount for as long as they are unable to return to their homes. The Council cannot offer relief for flooding of gardens or outbuildings

## **Business Support Scheme**

**What is it?** A scheme to provide hardship funding for SME businesses affected by the floods. The grant covers a range of things including non-recoverable insurance excesses for repair or replacement of buildings, equipment and stock; removal of debris, additional business accommodation or extra staff costs; structural surveys, security measures, additional marketing, exceptional costs to improve access to/for suppliers and customers etc.

The Business Support Helpline 0845 600 9006 may also be able to advise.

## **Business Rate relief**

**What is it?** A scheme providing for 100 per cent business rate relief for 3-months. Owners of businesses whose building has been flooded in whole or in part as a result of the severe winter weather and whose business was adversely affected as a result are able to apply.