

GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR TAX RETURN THIS YEAR!

IRS shoots us an email each week that includes tax tips for individuals and businesses. We like to keep abreast of the latest news from them so that we can provide the best service for you – our friends.

According to the amount of email we have received from IRS.Gov this week it is obvious that someone in their office is back at their desk clicking away on the keyboard. The old year is past, the new year has rushed in, tax season has begun with a flurry of changes.

Here is some of the advice we have received in our “In-Box”:

“SEVEN WAYS TO GET A JUMP START ON YOUR TAXES

Earlier is better when it comes to working on your taxes. Taxpayers are encouraged to get a head start on tax preparation, especially since early filers avoid the last minute rush and get their refunds sooner.

Here are seven easy ways to get a good jump on your taxes long before the April deadline is here:

1. Gather your records in advance. Make sure you have all the records you need, including W-2s and 1099s. Don't forget to save a copy for your files. (Make an appointment at Renita M. Owens, CPA, LLC and we will make copies for you as we prepare your tax returns.)
2. Get the right forms. They're available around the clock on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. (Better yet, skip this step. We have the forms at Renita M. Owens, CPA, LLC so just call us and make your appointment.)
3. Take your time. Don't forget to leave room for a coffee break when filling out your tax return as rushing can mean making a mistake. (We have the coffee at Renita M. Owens, CPA, LLC. Make your appointment today and have a free beverage as we take your information.)
4. Double-check your math and verify all Social Security numbers. These are among the most common errors found on tax returns. Taking care will reduce your chance of hearing from the IRS and speed up your refund. (We check the math and verify the Social Security numbers here at our office; however, we do recommend that you review your information. No one knows your situation better than you do. Always feel free to ask us if you have a question.)
5. E-filing is easy. E-filing catches math errors and provides confirmation your return has been received and gives you a faster refund. (We offer FREE E-filing with your tax preparation. We have offered this service since the first year it became available.)
6. Get the fastest refund. When you e-file file early, you receive your refund faster. When you choose direct deposit, you receive your refund sooner than waiting for a check. (There are several ways to receive your refund. Ask us for details.)
7. Don't panic. If you have a problem or a question, remember the IRS is there to help. Try the IRS Web site at IRS.gov or call the IRS customer service number at 800-829-1040.

(But if you had rather avoid the hassle and not contact the IRS, we are here to help. We know the answers. If we don't know the answers, then we know where to find the answers. Call us today for your tax appointment at 864-233-4163. Bring your list of questions with your tax information.)

Are you concerned that your efforts to get ready early may be affected by the Alternative Minimum Tax legislation passed by Congress in December? Most individuals will not be impacted, so it is still a good idea to get an early start on your preparations. Even if you are filing one of five forms affected by the recent legislation, the IRS expects to be ready for your return by February 11. You can review a list of the impacted forms and find out the latest news about when the IRS will be ready for your return at IRS.gov.”

The above IRS paragraph may not make sense to most people. Our professional income tax preparers work around the year keeping up with the government changes to the income tax codes. We are here to help you – our clients, our friends.

Please contact us today at 864-233-4163 for your tax appointment. You may also do like the IRS does and send an e-mail to our “In-Box.” Schedule your appointment today.

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We appreciate your business!