

KEEP YOUR PAPER COPY OF YOUR TAXES

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Richard Dilley Tax Center Tip Sheet



Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - Federal Tax Agency

Federal Tax Agency [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
Check your return, get past tax transcripts, resources, answers to your questions



IRS2Go App

Check your refund, make a payment, find free tax preparation help, sign up for free educational videos



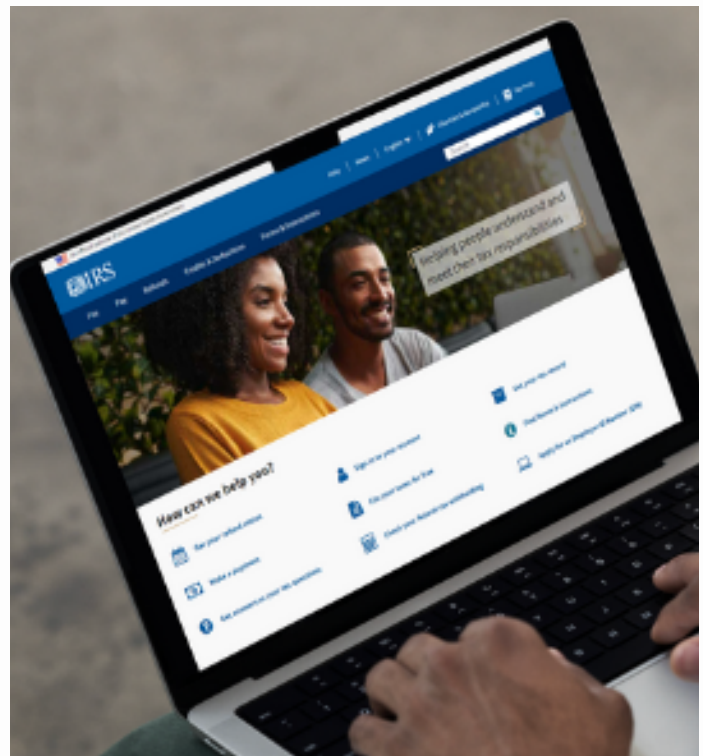
Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR)

State of Wisconsin Tax Agency
revenue.wi.gov/

Learn more about filing yourself for FREE!

Why pay for self-filing software when you might be able to get it for free? The IRS can direct you to "Trusted Partners" that will also help you complete your State of WI return.

irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free



Check your IRS refund status!

You can get access to your tax information, make a payment, and check your refund by visiting the [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) website.

To use the "Where's My Refund Tool" www.irs.gov/wheres-my-refund

You will need:

- Your Social Security or individual taxpayer ID number (ITIN)
- Your filing status
- The exact refund amount on your return.

To process your IRS (Federal) refund, it usually takes:

- Up to 21 days for an e-filed return
- 4 weeks or more for amended returns and returns sent by mail
- Longer if your return needs corrections or extra review, or if you qualify for the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)



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Financial Education Tips and Resources



UW Extension Money Matters –

finances.extension.wisc.edu/programs/money-matters/

Online self-study course. You can learn how to create a spending and savings plan, choose health insurance, what to do when you can't pay your bills, how to get and read your credit report, manage debt, deal with student loans, choose financial services at places like banks or credit unions, plan for retirement, and much more. Five of the 14 main modules are also available in Spanish



America Saves

americasaves.org/

Whether you are trying to pay off debt, save for a large purchase like a car or home, get enough money to start your own business, or save for a smaller expense like a new phone their tips and strategies can help you get there. When you sign up on their site and list your goal and period you'll receive encouraging texts and periodic tips to help you stay on track. While at their site check out their list of [54 ways to save money](#).



Consumer Resources

[Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](https://consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/)

Educational resources about scams, debt collections, loans, buying a house and more
consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/



FDIC Money Smart Financial Education Program

fdic.gov/resources/consumers/money-smart/

The FDIC Money Smart financial education program can help people of all ages enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships.



Free Credit Report

annualcreditreport.com/

- Your credit report tells people about your spending and payment habits and the information is used by lenders and other financial institutions.
- Get a free copy to understand what others can see about your financial history, your current situation, and to check for and prevent identity theft.

A note about savings

If you are receiving a refund, tax time can be a great time to catch up on bills, pay down debt, or build an emergency fund. Many people say that having an emergency or “rainy day” fund could help them feel better about their finances.

Savings strategies:

- Talk to your bank or credit union about setting up a separate savings account and set a savings goal for a rainy day fund or emergency fund.
- Automatic transfers per paycheck or monthly into a savings account are one of the most effective ways to save
- ‘Start Small. Think Big,’ with a short-term goal. The truth is, people save more successfully when they set a short-term goal. For instance, committing to saving \$20 a week or a month for 6 months is much more attainable than setting a goal to save \$500 a month for a year. Once you reach the short-term goal, you will have created a habit of saving you can be proud of! You'll be able to keep going strong with a new goal



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