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## IRS TAX TIPS

### Using Electronic Payment and Agreement Options for taxpayers who owe can help avoid penalties and interest:

With the tax deadline approaching, the IRS reminded taxpayers they can avoid late filing and interest penalties by submitting their tax return and any payments due by April 18. For struggling taxpayers who can't pay by the deadline, the IRS offers several different options to help. The IRS also provides multiple ways for people to file for an extension, get information to help file their tax return and learn about payment options if they have trouble paying by the April 18 deadline.

#### IRS Online Account

An IRS Online Account provides access to important information when preparing to file a tax return, pay a balance or follow up on notices. Taxpayers can view their:

- Adjusted Gross Income.
- Payment history and any scheduled or pending payments.
- Payment plan details.
- Digital copies of select notices from the IRS.

Taxpayers can also use their Online Account to securely make a same-day payment for an outstanding 2022 tax balance, pay quarterly estimated taxes for the 2023 tax season or request an extension to file a 2022 return. Interest and a late payment penalty will apply to any payments made after April 18. Making a payment, even a partial payment, will help limit penalty and interest charges.

#### Other options to pay electronically

Direct Pay, available only on IRS.gov, is the fastest and easiest way to make a one-time payment without signing into an IRS Online Account.

- **Direct Pay:** Direct Pay is free and allows taxpayers to securely pay their federal taxes directly from their checking or savings account without any fees or preregistration.
- **Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW):** This option allows taxpayers to file and pay electronically from their bank account when using tax preparation software or a tax professional.
- **Electronic Federal Tax Payment System:** This free service gives taxpayers a safe and convenient way to pay individual and business taxes by phone or online.
- **Debit or credit card or digital wallet:** Individuals can pay online, by phone or with a mobile device through any of the authorized payment processors. The processor charges a fee.

As part of this year's **Dirty Dozen** tax scams, the IRS warned taxpayers to watch out for promoters pushing improper fuel tax credit claims that taxpayers aren't qualified to receive.

The false fuel credit claims mark another important item on the IRS annual **Dirty Dozen** list on day four of the annual campaign.

"People should watch out for erroneous fuel tax credit claims and the scammers that promote them," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "These scammers will often charge a hefty fee for these bogus claims, and participants also face the possibility of identity theft. This is another example that people should always remember: Be wary if a tax deal sounds too good to be true."

The **Dirty Dozen** is an annual IRS list of 12 scams and schemes that put taxpayers and the tax professional community at risk of losing money, personal data and more.

For more information, see *Abusive Tax Schemes and Abusive Tax Return Preparers*.

### Other payment options

- **Cash:** For taxpayers who prefer to pay in cash, the IRS offers a way to pay taxes at one of its Cash Processing Company services. The IRS urges taxpayers choosing this option to start early because it involves a four-step process.
- **Check or money order:** Payments made by check or money order should be made payable to the "**United States Treasury**."

### For taxpayers who cannot pay in full

The IRS encourages taxpayers who cannot pay in full to pay what they can and consider a variety of payment options available for the remaining balance including getting a loan to pay the amount due. In many cases, loan costs may be lower than the combination of interest and penalties the IRS must charge under federal law. Taxpayers should act as quickly as possible: Tax bills accumulate more interest and fees the longer they remain unpaid. For all payment options, visit [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments).

### Online self-service payment plans

Most individual taxpayers qualify for a payment plan and can use Online Payment Agreement to set up a payment plan (including an installment agreement) to pay off an outstanding balance over time.

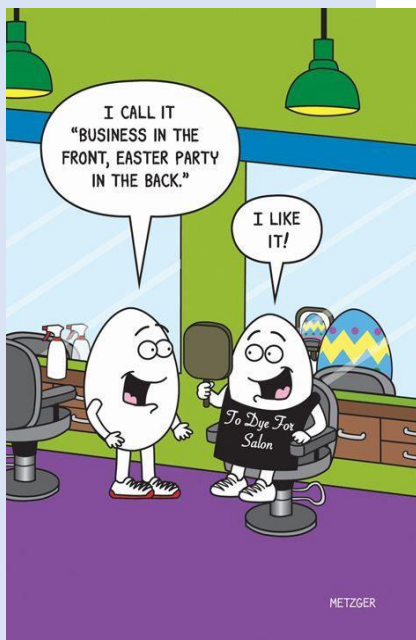
Once the online application is completed, the taxpayer receives immediate notification of whether their payment plan has been approved. Taxpayers can setup a plan using the Online Payment Agreement in a matter of minutes. There's no paperwork and no need to call, write or visit the IRS. Setup fees may apply for some types of plans.

For more information about payments, see **Topic No. 202, Tax Payment Options**, on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

[IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) / News / News Releases

## April Fun Facts

- The first Webster Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.
- The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912.
- The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775.
- The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800.
- Our first President George Washington was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.
- April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.
- April is Humor Month, so laugh it up!
- The birth flowers for the month of April are the sweet pea and the daisy.
- April 22 is Earth Day.





## Pecan Raisin Cookies

These Pecan Raisin Cookies are easy to make, soft and chewy inside and crispy outside. Loaded with raisins and pecan nuts, these make perfect snacks and gifts. These are a wonderful cookie with a crunch!

**Prep Time:** 5 minutes    **Cook Time:** 10 minutes    **Total Time:** 15 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened, 8 oz
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 12 oz Raisins or Sultanas
- 6 oz pecans, roughly broken

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F / 180 C. Cream butter & sugar till fluffy.
2. Add eggs, vanilla, beat well. Blend in flour, baking soda & salt.
3. \*\* Please note, at this point, if you wanted to make a variety of cookie flavors, you can divide the cookie dough now and add your desired flavors, such as toffee, white chocolate, different nuts, cranberries etc.
4. Stir in raisins & pecans. Drop by spoonful & bake for 10-12 minutes. Enjoy!

### Nutrition Information:

Yield: 48    Serving Size: 1

*Amount Per Serving:* Calories: 153. Total Fat: 7g Saturated Fat: 3g Trans Fat: 0g Unsaturated Fat: 4g Cholesterol: 18mg Sodium: 97mg Carbohydrates: 23g Fiber: 1g Sugar: 14g Protein: 2g

<https://lovefoodies.com/pecan-raisin-cookies/>

## April

Apr 5

National Walking Day

Apr 7

Carmel Popcorn Day

Apr 9

Easter Day

Apr 11

National Submarine Day



Apr 14

National Pecan Day

Apr 17

National Cheeseball Day

Apr 22

Earth Day



Apr 25

World Penguin Day

Apr 27

Babe Ruth Day

Apr 30

National Raisin Day

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FORMS OF PAYMENT  
NOW ACCEPTED:

- VISA
- MASTERCARD
- AMERICAN EXPRESS
- DISCOVER CARD
- VENMO
- FACEBOOK PAY
- CASH
- PERSONAL CHECK

## Types of Dog



- BULLDOG
- PINSCHER
- DALMATIAN
- MASTIFF
- BOXER
- SHEPHERD
- BEAGLE
- TERRIER
- SETTER
- CORGI
- ROTTWEILER
- CHIHUAHUA
- COLLIE
- HOUND
- DACHSHUND

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