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IRS TAX TIPS

The Internal Revenue Service suggests taxpayers use the **IRS Tax Withholding Estimator** to help update the amount of tax to have taken out of their 2023 pay.

The IRS says now is a good time to use this online tool. The Tax Withholding Estimator, also available in Spanish, can help people adjust how much is withheld and could put more cash in their pocket or help them avoid a tax bill for 2023.

The Tax Withholding Estimator offers workers, retirees and the self-employed a step-by-step guide to effectively tailor the amount of income tax they have withheld from wages, pension and other income. It's especially useful after a major life change such as marriage, divorce, home purchase, the birth or adoption of a child or a big change in income.

Benefits of using the Estimator

For employees, withholding is the amount of federal income tax taken out of their paycheck. Workers can use the results from the Tax Withholding Estimator to determine if they should complete a new **Form W-4** and submit it to their employer. For example, checking withholding can:

- Ensure the right amount of tax is withheld and prevent an unexpected tax bill or penalty at tax time.
- Determine whether to have less tax withheld from each paycheck, boosting take-home pay and reducing refunds at tax time.

The Tax Withholding Estimator's results are only as accurate as the information entered. To help prepare, the IRS recommends taxpayers gather:

- Their most recent pay statements and, if married, statements for their spouse.
- Information for other sources of income.
- Their most recent income tax return.

Withholding or estimated payments?

Income taxes must generally be paid as taxpayers earn or receive income throughout the year, through either withholding or estimated tax payments. If the amount of income tax withheld from one's salary or pension is not enough, or if they receive other types of income such as interest, dividends, alimony, self-employment income, capital gains, prizes and awards, they may need to make estimated tax payments.

Go to AZDOR.gov to check your AZ refund status. Click the **Where's My Refund?** link. Refund status can be also obtained by using the automated phone system. Taxpayers can call (602) 255-3381, and, after making the language selection, select Option 2 for refund status. Taxpayers should have their tax information ready before calling. Be prepared to provide the social security number, zip code, and filing status reported on the returns when inquiring on the refunds.

Representatives are also available to assist taxpayers Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (MST).

(602) 255-3381
(in Phoenix) or
1-800-352-4090 (toll-free statewide, outside of Maricopa County)

In 2023, taxpayers who receive more than \$600 in income from third-party settlement organizations, including popular payment apps, may receive Form 1099-Ks. Individual taxpayers can use the IRS online **Interactive Tax Assistant** to see if they're required to pay estimated taxes. Good recordkeeping is key.

People with complex tax situations should instead use the instructions in **Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax**. This includes taxpayers who owe alternative minimum tax or certain other taxes and people with long-term capital gains or qualified dividends. Go to IRS.gov for more information.

Taxpayers can track their refund using the **Where's My Refund?** tool on IRS.gov, IRS2Go or by calling the automated refund hotline at 800-829-1954. Taxpayers need the primary Social Security number on the tax return, the filing status and the expected refund amount. The refund status information updates once daily, usually overnight, so there's no need to check more frequently.

AZ DEPT OF REVENUE

Owe on your AZ state taxes and cannot pay? For taxpayers unable to pay their individual income tax liability in full, the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) offers a convenient way to request a payment plan and manage their liability. A payment plan is an arrangement with ADOR to pay tax debt within an agreed-upon timeframe.

Through the AZTaxes.gov website, taxpayers can quickly and easily set up a payment plan rather than phone or mail, and it also reduces the number of calls and paper submissions to be processed. To set up a plan, go to AZTaxes.gov and under the Individual menu, select Request a Payment Plan.

Please note that the portal is for submitting the payment plan request. It does not automatically create a plan in the system; therefore, allow time for ADOR to process the request and then we will send a confirmation letter with details and timelines. Establishing a payment plan request in ADOR's system takes approximately 60 days after the tax liability is billed and the Payment Plan request is submitted. Once submitted and approved, the taxpayer will be provided a confirmation number and a monthly installment payment amount. Taxpayers do not need to wait for confirmation to start making payments.

What you should know if considering a payment plan:

- If a bill has been received for the tax period in question, then the process to establish a payment plan request in ADOR's system may take up to 2 weeks.
- If you have not received a bill for the tax period in question, then the process to establish a payment plan request in ADOR's system will take up to 8 weeks.
- While on a payment plan, taxpayers must not incur any new liabilities, but will continue to incur interest until the outstanding liability is paid in full.
- Payments must be made on time per the payment arrangement and through AZTaxes.gov.
- If the payment plan defaults, ADOR can and will enforce without notice through a levy and/or lien action.





Cheesecake In A Jar

Cheesecake in a jar is perfect for summer picnics. This is a no-bake version of cheesecake with fresh strawberries. Feel free to substitute fat-free versions of cream cheese and sugar.

Recipe by RuthE

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/247239/cheesecake-in-a-jar/>

Prep Time: 55 mins. **Additional Time:** 2 hours **Total Time:** 2 hours 55 mins

Ingredients:

- 6 pecan shortbread cookies (such as Keebler Sandies), finely crushed
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 6 (1/2 pint) canning jars with lids
- 12 ounces sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped

Directions:

1. Mix cookie crumbs, butter, and 2 tablespoons sugar in a bowl until combined. Divide mixture evenly among jars, about 3 1/2 tablespoons each, and gently press (do not pack) into bottoms.
2. Halve 6 strawberries for garnish, and set aside. Chop remaining strawberries.
3. Beat cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, and lemon juice in bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed until smooth. Fold in whipped cream and chopped berries; divide evenly among jars, about 1/2 cup each. Top each with a 2 berry halves and cover with lids. Chill at least 2 hours and up to 3 days.

Nutrition Facts:

Per Serving: Calories 413, dietary fiber 1g, total sugars 27g, protein 5g, vitamin c 35mg, calcium 53mg, iron 1mg, potassium 153mg

MAY

May 4

National Star Wars Day

May 5

Cinco de Mayo

May 10

National Shrimp Day

May 12

International Nurses Day



May 17

National Walnut Day

May 20

World Whiskey Day

May 21

Nat'l Strawberries & Cream Day

May 23

National Turtle Day

May 27

Sunscreen Day



May 30

Jump Rope Day

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FORMS OF
PAYMENT NOW
ACCEPTED:

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

Ice Cream Flavors

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- COCONUT
- STRAWBERRY
- VANILLA FUDGE
- ROCKY ROAD
- COOKIE DOUGH
- NEOPOLITAN
- COTTON CANDY
- HOCKEY POKEY
- CHOCOLATE
- MOOSE TRACKS
- GREEN TEA
- TIGER TAIL
- PECAN
- REESES
- BANANA

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