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IRS TAX TIPS

As part of a continuing effort to improve service this tax season, the Internal Revenue Service today announced special Saturday hours during tax season at Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) across the country.

The special Saturday availability across the nation will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on March 11, April 8 and May 13. Offices in dozens of states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will be open, with no appointments required. We currently have 58 offices scheduled to be open on March 11. The IRS encourages taxpayers to visit a special [IRS.gov](#) page for the latest information on the special Saturday hours.

"These Saturday openings are part of the extra steps the IRS is taking to make a difference for taxpayers," said Acting IRS Commissioner Doug O'Donnell. "IRS employees are working hard to help people by making improvements across our operations. These walk-in locations are critical, and funding from the Inflation Reduction Act is allowing us to add more employees across the nation to better assist taxpayers this filing season and beyond. These special Saturday hours will help people get the services they need."

The IRS encourages everyone to first check [IRS.gov](#) for information about these special openings before traveling to an office. They may even find an online resource to resolve their tax concern to avoid a trip.

At these offices, called TACs, people receive in-person help from IRS employees. Normally, these centers are not open on Saturdays, and people must have appointments to receive services.

During these Saturday hours, people can walk-in for all services routinely offered at an office, except for making cash payments. They can also ask about setting up an Online Account and getting an Identity Protection PIN among other topics.

Services provided

The IRS's [Contact Your Local Office](#) site lists all services provided at specific TACs.

If someone has questions about a tax bill or IRS audit or they need help resolving a tax problem, they'll receive assistance from IRS employees specializing in those services. If these employees aren't available, the individual will receive a referral for these services. IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service employees may also be available to help with some issues.

The tax law allows businesses to deduct expenses that help them bring in new customers and keep existing ones. These costs may include expenses for advertising and marketing. Advertising costs must be ordinary and necessary to be tax deductible.

- An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in the industry.
- A necessary expense is one that is helpful and appropriate for the trade or business. An expense does not have to be indispensable to be considered necessary.

Here are a few advertising expenses that are usually deductible:

- Reasonable advertising expenses that are directly related to the business activities.
- An expense for the cost of institutional or goodwill advertising to keep the business name before the public if it relates to a reasonable expectation to gain business in the future. For example, the cost of advertising that encourages people to contribute to the Red Cross or to participate in similar causes is usually deductible.

Professional foreign language interpretation will be available in many languages through an over-the-phone translation service. For deaf or hard of hearing individuals who need sign language interpreter services, IRS staff will schedule appointments for a later date. Alternatively, these individuals can call TTY/TDD [800-829-4059](tel:800-829-4059) to make an appointment.

Tax preparation services will not be provided at these locations.

Come prepared

For people visiting these offices, individuals should bring the following documents:

- Current government-issued photo identification,
- Social Security cards or ITINs for themselves and all members of their household, including their spouse and dependents (if applicable),
- Any IRS letters or notices received and related documents,
- For identity verification services, two forms of identification and, if filed, a copy of the tax return for the year in question.

Marvelous Facts about March

The "Ides of March" was a day in the Roman calendar equivalent to March 15th. It was considered a deadline for settling debts. It was also the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.

The name March came from the name Mars, the Roman god of war.

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. It was to his assistant, and he said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."

President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. It is a successful volunteer organization that has since sent at least 235,000 Americans abroad to developing countries to help with health care, education, and other human needs.

On March 2, 2016, NASA astronaut Scott Kelly returned to Earth after nearly one full year on the International Space Station, setting a new record for the longest uninterrupted trip to space.

If you were born in March, your birth flower is a daffodil!





Oreo Dirt Dessert

Servings: 20 Total Prep time: 30 minutes + chilling

Ingredients

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup butter, softened

1 cup confectioners' sugar

3-1/2 cups cold 2% milk

2 packages (3.4 ounces each) instant vanilla pudding mix

1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

1 package (15-1/2 ounces) Oreo cookies, crushed

Shaved white chocolate, optional

Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter and confectioners' sugar until smooth. In another large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes; let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Gradually stir into cream cheese mixture. Fold in whipped topping.

2. Spread 1-1/3 cups crushed cookies into an ungreased 13x9-in. dish. Layer with half the pudding mixture and half the remaining cookies. Repeat layers. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Serve with shaved white chocolate if desired.

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Taste of Home

March

Mar 3

National Cold Cuts Day

Mar 6

National Oreo Cookie Day

Mar 7

National Cereal Day

Mar 12

National Girl Scout Day



Mar 14

National Pi Day

Mar 17

St. Patrick's Day



Mar 21

National Single Parent Day

Mar 23

National Puppy Day

Mar 25

National Medal of Honor Day

Mar 31

National Crayon Day

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