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IRS TAX TIPS

Got a letter or notice from the IRS? Here are the next steps

When the IRS needs to ask a question about a taxpayer's tax return, notify them about a change to their account, or request a payment, the agency often mails a letter or notice to the taxpayer. Getting mail from the IRS is not a cause for panic but, it should not be ignored either. **Here's what taxpayers should do:**

Read the letter carefully. Contact your tax preparer. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. Each notice deals with a specific issue and includes specific instructions on what to do. A notice may reference changes to a taxpayer's account, taxes owed, a payment request or a specific issue on a tax return. Taking timely action could minimize additional interest and penalty charges.

Review the information. If a letter is about a changed or corrected tax return, the taxpayer should review the information and compare it with the original return. If the taxpayer agrees, they should make notes about the corrections on their personal copy of the tax return and keep it for their records.

Take any requested action, including making a payment. The IRS and authorized private debt collection agencies do send letters by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the appropriate action or submit a payment.

Reply only if instructed to do so. Taxpayers don't need to reply to a notice unless specifically told to do so. There is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer does need to call the IRS, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice and have a copy of their tax return and letter.

Let the IRS know of a disputed notice. If a taxpayer doesn't agree with the IRS, they should mail a letter explaining why they dispute the notice. They should send it to the address on the contact stub included with the notice. The taxpayer should include information and documents for the IRS to review when considering the dispute.

Keep the letter or notice for their records. Taxpayers should keep notices or letters they receive from the IRS. These include adjustment notices when an action is taken on the taxpayer's account. Taxpayers should keep records for three years from the date they filed the tax return.

Watch for scams. The IRS will never contact a taxpayer using social media or text message. Taxpayers who are unsure whether they owe money to the IRS can view their tax account information on IRS.gov.

IRS advises that improperly forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loans are taxable.

The guidance confirms that, when a taxpayer's loan is forgiven based upon misrepresentations or omissions, the taxpayer is not eligible to exclude the forgiveness from income and must include in income the portion of the loan proceeds that were forgiven based upon misrepresentations or omissions. Taxpayers who inappropriately received forgiveness of their PPP loans are encouraged to take steps to come into compliance by, for example, filing amended returns that include forgiven loan proceed amounts in income.

Many PPP loan recipients who received loan forgiveness were qualified and used the loan proceeds properly to pay eligible expenses. However, the IRS has discovered that some recipients who received loan forgiveness did not meet one or more eligibility conditions.

To find out more The IRS recently issued [guidance addressing improper forgiveness of a Paycheck Protection Program loan \(PPP loan\)](#).

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other. 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. People who are in an abusive relationship will stay with their partner for a number of reasons:

- Their **self-esteem is totally destroyed**, and they are made to feel they will never be able to find another person to be with.
- The **cycle of abuse**, meaning the 'honeymoon phase' that follows physical and mental abuse, makes them believe their partner really is sorry and does love them.
- It's dangerous to leave. Women are **70 times more likely to be killed** in the weeks after leaving their abusive partner than at any other time in the relationship, according to the Domestic Violence Intervention program.
- Statistics suggest that almost **5 percent of male homicide victims** each year are killed by an intimate partner.
- They feel personally responsible for their partner, or their own behavior. They are made to feel like **everything that goes wrong is their fault**.
- **They share a life.** Marriages, children, homes, pets, and finances are a big reason victims of abuse feel they can't leave.

HISTORY

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The "Day of Unity" soon evolved into a week, and in October of 1987, the first National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. In 1989 Congress passed Public Law 101-112, officially designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has been passed each year since.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, or you feel you are in danger, please call 911.

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"Tom, you're an asset to the company.
It's just that you're depreciating."



Pumpkin Pie Dip

TOTAL TIME: Prep/Total Time: 10 min.

YIELD: 4 cups. <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/pumpkin-pie-dip/>

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Directions

Beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Beat in pumpkin, sour cream and spices until blended. Transfer to a bowl; serve with gingersnaps. Refrigerate leftovers. (Reviews also noted this can be made in a food processor.)
Serve with apples, ginger snaps, graham crackers, bagels, vanilla wafers.

Nutrition Facts

2 tablespoons dip: 65 calories, 3g fat (2g saturated fat), 8mg cholesterol, 24mg sodium, 9g carbohydrate (8g sugars, 0 fiber), 1g protein.

October

Oct 1

National Black Dog Day

Oct 4

National Vodka Day

Oct 5

World Teacher's Day

Oct 7

National LED Light Day

Oct 10

Columbus Day

Oct 12

National Farmer's Day



Oct 22

National Nut Day

Oct 24

National Bologna Day

Oct 26

National Pumpkin Day

Oct 30

National Candy Corn Day



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FORMS OF
PAYMENT NOW
ACCEPTED:

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

Under Construction



To each of the 26 words below, add a different letter of the alphabet. Then rearrange the letters, if necessary, to form a common word. Cross off each letter of the alphabet as you use it. Use each letter from A to Z exactly once.

Example: lock → add A → CLOAK

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. tuna + ___ = _____ | 14. word + ___ = _____ |
| 2. lisp + ___ = _____ | 15. just + ___ = _____ |
| 3. gear + ___ = _____ | 16. boar + ___ = _____ |
| 4. down + ___ = _____ | 17. poet + ___ = _____ |
| 5. size + ___ = _____ | 18. suet + ___ = _____ |
| 6. warn + ___ = _____ | 19. bird + ___ = _____ |
| 7. doze + ___ = _____ | 20. sung + ___ = _____ |
| 8. chat + ___ = _____ | 21. hour + ___ = _____ |
| 9. lime + ___ = _____ | 22. dial + ___ = _____ |
| 10. stir + ___ = _____ | 23. deal + ___ = _____ |
| 11. fuel + ___ = _____ | 24. robe + ___ = _____ |
| 12. ripe + ___ = _____ | 25. rant + ___ = _____ |
| 13. vase + ___ = _____ | 26. axle + ___ = _____ |



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