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Income Tax Filing Deadline is Tomorrow

E-file your return to get confirmation that it has been received

The income tax deadline is tomorrow, and Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) officials encourage you to submit your tax return electronically. State income tax returns must be received electronically or postmarked by midnight on April 17.

When you e-file your return, you get an acknowledgement that your tax return has been received. E-filing programs do the math for you, and your refund can be deposited directly into a savings or checking account. If you owe taxes, you can use direct withdrawal.

We offer free, secure electronic tax filing from our website at revenue.wi.gov. *WI e-file* is available 24/7 and the program offers Wisconsin fill-in tax forms that perform the math to help prevent errors when you prepare your tax return.

DOR expects approximately 3 million tax returns this season and about 80% of them will be e-filed. Currently, the average refund is \$673.

How to Request an Extension

If you will not meet the tax filing deadline, you must request an extension from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by April 17 to avoid penalties. Go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov for more information (keyword: extension).

Taxpayers who file an extension request with the IRS automatically receive a state extension. You do not need to submit a separate extension request with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

With an extension, you have until October 15, 2012, to file your state income tax return and pay your taxes without penalty. However, 1% interest will accrue each month on the amount due until it is paid in full. You can avoid the interest charges by making estimated tax payments (use 2011 Form 1-ES) for the amount you expect to owe.

If you file electronically, keep a copy of the IRS' federal extension application (Form 4868) for your records which shows that you filed an extension request. If you file on paper, attach a copy of the IRS' federal extension application to your Wisconsin tax return.

Check Your Refund

You can check the status of your state income tax refund online, whether you filed electronically or in paper form. We provide the same information online and by telephone that our customer service representatives use to check the status of your refund. Visit www.revenue.wi.gov and click on "Check Your Refund" or call toll-free 866-947-7363 (WIS-RFND).

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