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# Use These Tips to Make Tax Filing Easier

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is urging taxpayers to try electronically filing their income tax returns this tax season. DOR expects about three million tax returns this year and more than 80% of those will be e-filed. DOR is focused on making taxpaying easier so here are five tax season tips to help you file your income tax return:

- 1. Try e-filing!** E-filing is more secure and faster than filing on paper – and you won't have to worry about your return getting lost in the mail!
  - DOR offers a free e-file program called Wisconsin e-file, which is available 24/7 at [revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov).
  - You get confirmation that we have received your return
  - You can have your refund directly deposited into your account
  - Wisconsin fill-in tax forms do the math for you based on the information you put on each line, which helps to prevent errors as you prepare the return
- 2. Use direct deposit or pay online.** You can have your refund deposited directly into your savings or checking account. You can also make tax payments online using the free, secure *Pay Online* option on our website. You don't need to register and you can schedule your payment on or before April 15. Our application to pay online is available at [tap.revenue.wi.gov/pay](http://tap.revenue.wi.gov/pay).
- 3. Explore the many useful resources on our website.** Our website at [revenue.wi.gov](http://revenue.wi.gov) has information and self-service options to help you file your income tax return. You will find links to forms and instructions, as well as informational videos on tax topics. You can also check on your refund by clicking on *Look Up: Refund* on the Individuals tab. You can also find information about our new WI Revenue mobile app, available in Apple and Android app stores.
- 4. Use local tax filing help.** Free tax assistance is available by calling 211 to find a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly site in your area. The individuals who help prepare your tax return at these sites are trained volunteers and can help answer questions or e-file your return.
- 5. File by April 15, 2013.** The deadline to file your tax return is Monday, April 15. It's just over a month away, so don't delay!

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