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Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers of upcoming property tax refund deadline

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue is reminding homeowners and renters that the due date to file for a 2012 property tax refund is August 15, 2013. While the due date to file is August 15, homeowners and renters have an additional one year grace period to claim the 2012 refund.

Taxpayers also still have time to file their 2011 property tax refund. The final deadline to file the 2011 property tax refund return is August 15, 2013. It expires after this date and homeowners will not be able to claim it for 2011 property taxes.

“We want to encourage every eligible taxpayer to file for their property tax refund. Every year, thousands of eligible Minnesota homeowners and renters fail to file and receive their property tax refunds,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “With the August 15 deadline approaching, we want to increase awareness of the property tax refund program and explain how taxpayers can apply for and track the progress of their refund claim.”

The department offers some tips for homeowners and renters:

- *Find out if you qualify for a property tax refund.* Renters and homeowners that meet certain household income requirements may be eligible. To see if you qualify visit our website:
http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/individuals/prop_tax_refund/Pages/Eligibility_Requirements_for_the_Property_Tax_Refund.aspx
- *Update your address.* Let us know if your address has changed. Filers who have moved since filing their return should contact the department immediately to update their address. This can be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using our automated phone system at 651-296-4444 or toll free at 800-657-3676.
- *Direct Deposit.* Direct Deposit is the fastest way to receive your refund. Filers should be sure their bank account will still be open in July, August and September when the refunds go out.



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- *Check the status of your refund online.* Filers can check the status of their refund on our homepage by clicking the “Where’s My Refund?” link or by clicking here:
<https://www.mndor.state.mn.us/tp/refund/cDQi5pnk/#1>

The legislature and Governor Mark Dayton made significant investments during the 2013 legislative session to reduce the burden of property taxes on Minnesotans. Starting in 2014, homeowners who received refunds last year will see their Homestead Credit Refund (formerly the Homeowners Property Tax Refund) increase on average by 27%. Renters who received a refund last year will see an average increase of 25% in their refunds next year. Additionally, 137,000 more homeowners and 30,000 more renters will be eligible for refunds in 2014.

“The action taken by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Dayton this year will result in direct property tax relief for overburdened homeowners and renters,” said Commissioner Frans. “Homeowners and renters will see increased refunds for property tax relief in 2014.”

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