

News Release

CONTACT Lisa Erickson
PHONE 651-556-6397
E-MAIL lisa.erickson@state.mn.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 18, 2014

Contact: Lisa Erickson
Phone: 651-556-6397
Lisa.erickson@state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Revenue offers tips when filing income taxes

St. Paul, Minn. – With the income tax filing season in full swing, the Minnesota Department of Revenue is offering helpful tips for taxpayers when filing their income taxes. The department encourages taxpayers to choose Direct Deposit, allowing for a safer and faster refund.

“Direct Deposit is safe, easy, and convenient; your tax refund is deposited directly into your checking or savings account,” said Assistant Commissioner Terri Steenblock, who uses direct deposit. “You can get your refund twice as fast as a paper check and you don’t have to worry about it getting lost in the mail or making an extra trip to the bank.”

Tips to avoid common errors:

- **Enter your name and any dependents names as they appear on Social Security cards.** Incorrect names or Social Security numbers can result in refund delays.
- **Double-check bank routing and account numbers used on tax forms.** Incorrect account numbers can delay your refund.
- **Complete each form and carry totals to the correct lines.** If you electronically file, the calculations are done for you.
- **If you move after filing, contact the Department of Revenue right away.** That way anything sent to you will reach you, such as refund checks or requests for more information. You should do this even when requesting direct deposit.

- **You should file the return by the April 15, 2014 due date, even if you owe more than you can pay.** You can use our new online system to set up multiple payments with different due dates. Pay as much as you can by the due date, and continue to make payments until you receive a bill from us. When you receive the bill, contact us and we can help you set up a payment plan for the remaining balance.
- **Do you qualify for free electronic filing?** To see if you qualify to electronically file your income tax return for free, [click here](#). Be sure to access the software products from our website to file for free.

More than 250 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites remain open across the state. To find out if you qualify or to find a site near you, [click here](#).

Follow the latest news and updates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and sign-up for our [email subscription list](#).

###