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Department of Revenue reminds homeowners and renters 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 2013 property tax refund is Aug. 15, 2014. State law provides for a one-year grace period to claim these refunds, however, the sooner the return is filed, the sooner the refund can be issued.

The grace period for the 2012 property tax refund ends on Aug. 15, 2014. The property tax refund expires after this date and homeowners and renters will not be able to claim it.

“We encourage every eligible taxpayer to file for their property tax refund. This refund, particularly with this year’s increase, helps thousands of Minnesota homeowners and renters with relief from property taxes. Thousands of taxpayers miss out on their property tax refunds each year by failing to file their return,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “The August 15 deadline is fast approaching and we want to make sure eligible taxpayers do not miss out on their refunds because they fail to file.”

A new law signed on May 20, 2014, increased property tax refunds for Minnesota homeowners and renters. For 2013 returns only, the law increases the Homestead Credit Refund (for Homeowners) by 3 percent and the Renter’s Property Tax Refund by 6 percent. The average 2013 refund is \$837 for homeowners and \$643 for renters.

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.](#)

- *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.
- *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.

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