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Department of Revenue offers tips for taxpayers as filing deadline approaches

St. Paul, Minn. – As April 15 approaches, the Minnesota Department of Revenue is offering helpful tips for taxpayers when filing their income taxes. The department encourages individual taxpayers to electronically file (e-file) their tax returns and elect for direct deposit of refunds to ensure accuracy and a faster refund.

“With one week to go, we know many taxpayers are still preparing their taxes. These helpful tips can make their tax filing easier, avoid errors, and speed up your refund,” said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. “We also encourage individual taxpayers to electronically file (e-file) their tax returns and elect for direct deposit of refunds to ensure accuracy and a faster refund.”

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.
- **You should file the return by the April 15, 2015 due date, even if you owe more than you can pay.** Pay as much as you can by the due date, and continue to make payments until you are contacted by Department of Revenue Collections. At that point, they can help you set up a payment plan for the remaining balance.
- **If you owe, make your payment electronically and pick when you want the payment submitted.** For more information about making your payment electronically, [please visit our website](#).

- **If you are paper filing with a new address, be sure to place an X in the “Place an X if a New Address” box in the header.** Otherwise, the new address may not be picked up by our system, and a refund check or letter may not get to 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 a direct deposit.
- **Be aware of tax scams.** Scammers continue to prey on taxpayers through threatening phone calls and emails. Revenue and the IRS will never ask you to provide, update or verify personal information through unsolicited emails or phone calls, nor will we threaten to send law enforcement to your house if you do not pay debt immediately, as the scammer suggests. Learn more about scam and fraud prevention on our [website](#).

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