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Department of Revenue offers tips for property tax refund filers ahead of August deadline

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Homeowners and renters should file for their 2014 property tax refund before it expires on Aug. 15, 2016, says the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Claims for 2015 property tax refunds can also be filed on or before Aug. 15, 2016, though they do not expire until next August.

“Eligible homeowners and renters can benefit from the property tax refunds that Minnesota offers,” said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. “We want to make sure all taxpayers who are eligible take the opportunity to claim their refunds.”

The department offers tips to property tax refund filers ahead of the August deadline.

- *Find out if you qualify for a property tax refund.* Renters and homeowners that meet certain household income requirements may be eligible. Visit our website to [see if you qualify](#).
- *Direct Deposit.* Direct Deposit is the most convenient way to get your refund.
- *Timing.* Don't spend your refund until you see the money in your bank account. Returns may take longer to process because of the increase in attempted refund fraud due to scams, stolen personal information, and identity theft. The department will take the time necessary to review property tax returns to make sure taxpayer dollars aren't getting into the hands of criminals.
- *Process.* During processing, the department verifies your identity before checking the return for errors and giving it a final review. We may request more information from you during this process. After we complete a final review, we release the refund to you.
- *Track your refund.* You can track where your property tax refund is in the process by using our improved [Where's My Refund?](#) system. The system will show you which of the four stages your refund is in and whether you need to take any action to allow us to complete the processing of your refund. You will see the date your refund was issued when it is finished processing.

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