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Top Ten Reasons to Visit IRS.gov

If you have a tax question or need a tax form – there's no need to leave the comfort of your home. All you need is a computer and Internet access because IRS.gov has a wealth of information.

Here are the top 10 reasons to visit IRS.gov.

1. **Unlimited access - get answers 24 hours a day seven days a week.** If you find yourself working on your tax return over the weekend, there's no need to wait to get a form or an answer to a question – visit the IRS Web site anytime. IRS.gov is accessible all day, every day.
2. **Find out all about electronic filing.** Virtually everyone can prepare a return and file it for free. You can e-file from the comfort of your home 24 hours a day, seven days a week. E-file is fast and safe. Last year, 2 out of 3 taxpayers used e-file. Additionally, about 70 percent of taxpayers are eligible for the Traditional Free File. Find out more about Free File at IRS.gov.
3. **Check the status of your tax refund.** Whether you chose direct deposit or asked IRS to mail you a check, you can check the status of your refund through Where's my Refund? at IRS.gov.
4. **Find out how to make payments electronically.** You can authorize an electronic funds withdrawal, use a credit or debit card, or enroll in the U.S. Treasury's Electronic Federal Tax Payment System to pay your federal taxes. Electronic payment options are a convenient, safe and secure way to pay taxes.
5. **Find out if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.** EITC is a tax credit for people who earned less than \$48,000. Find out if you are eligible by answering some questions and providing basic income information using the EITC Assistant at IRS.gov.
6. **Get tax forms and publications.** You can view, download and order tax forms and publications any hour of the day or night. Free File Fillable Forms are also available for those taxpayers that are comfortable filling out the forms and schedules without the help or assistance of software.
7. **Calculate the right amount of withholding on your W-4.** The IRS Withholding Calculator at IRS.gov will help you ensure that you don't have too much or too little income tax withheld from your pay.
8. **Request a payment agreement.** Paying your taxes in full and on time avoids unnecessary penalties and interest. However, if you cannot pay your balance in full you may be eligible to use the Online Payment Agreement Application to request an installment agreement.
9. **Search for charities.** Search Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations to find out if an organization is exempt from federal taxes and, if so, how much of your contributions to that organization are tax deductible.
10. **Get information about the latest tax law changes.** Learn about tax law

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changes that may affect your tax return. Special sections of the Web site highlight changes that affect individual or business taxpayers.

Remember the address of the official IRS Web site is www.irs.gov. Don't be confused by internet sites that end in .com, .net, .org or other designations instead of .gov.

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