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E-File Your Montana Taxes to Get Your Refund Faster

HELENA – Montanans can receive their tax refund sooner if they file their taxes electronically, the Montana Department of Revenue reminded taxpayers this week. Starting January 20, the Department of Revenue will begin accepting and processing Montana 2014 individual income tax forms. Montana forms can be e-filed on Montana Taxpayer Access Point (TAP) <https://tap.dor.mt.gov/>. Montana taxpayers can also e-file federal and state individual income tax returns using IRS software or an approved third-party software provider listed under Online Services at revenue.mt.gov.

“While we encourage taxpayers to e-file your state income taxes because you’ll get your refunds faster, no matter how you file, we appreciate the effort that it takes,” said Mike Kadas, director of the Department of Revenue.

Taxpayer assistance is available year-round through the department’s call center. To ask questions or get help filing your Montana tax return, call toll free at (866) 859-2254, or in Helena at 444-6900. Regular call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours will be extended during the last week of tax season.

Walk-in assistance is available at the Department of Revenue’s Helena and Missoula offices. The Helena office is located at 125 North Roberts, east of the Capitol, and the Missoula office is located at 2681 Palmer Street. There are also more than 100 volunteer tax preparation sites around the state through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide Montana. To find out if you qualify for free tax preparation assistance and to see a list of locations, visit www.montanafreefile.org or revenue.mt.gov under Other Useful Resources.

2014 Montana tax forms can also be filled out and submitted on paper. Forms can be printed for free from revenue.mt.gov or picked up at libraries, post offices, county offices, and some banks around the state. Keep in mind that no matter how early you submit a paper tax return, you’ll receive your refund faster if you e-file because of the extended time required to process paper.

Regardless of how you file, if you request a direct deposit of your refund it is important to confirm the accuracy of your bank routing and account numbers to eliminate delays and errors.

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