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Revenue department encourages Montanans to check local newspapers for unclaimed cash

Helena – The Montana Department of Revenue is publishing the names of people who have money or other unclaimed property that the state has been holding for them. The money was reported to the state between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

By law, the department publishes the names of unclaimed property owners in local newspapers. The newspaper listings will appear in 36 Montana newspapers between now and mid-November and include owners of unclaimed property who live in the particular geographic region served by the particular newspaper.

For the [list of newspaper publication dates](#), click on “Find Your Unclaimed Property” at revenue.mt.gov or call toll free 1-866-859-2254 (in Helena, 444-6900).

“As the custodian of Montana’s unclaimed property, the Department of Revenue is committed to returning that property to the rightful owners,” says Revenue Director Mike Kadas. “We encourage all Montanans to look for their names in the paper. You never know – a nice chunk of change may await them.”

Each year, millions of dollars goes unclaimed. In the last fiscal year, the department received more than \$11 million from businesses or other holders of unclaimed property. The department processed 4,700 claims and returned \$3.2 million to owners. Most of the unclaimed property is money from insurance policy proceeds, uncashed checks, savings accounts, safety deposit box contents, stocks and mutual funds.

The department’s new software application “Click for Cash” makes it easy for people to go online to claim their money, track the status of their claim and have the cash deposited directly into their bank account. Visit www.revenue.mt.gov to access “Click for Cash.” You can also email the department at unclaimedproperty@mt.gov or call toll free 1-866-859-2254, in Helena, 444-6900, to have us do a search for you.

The money is available indefinitely for owners to claim.

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