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**Get your Montana income tax refund quicker by e-filing starting January 22**

Helena – The Montana Department of Revenue would like to remind taxpayers that they can receive their tax refund sooner if they file their taxes electronically by e-filing. Starting January 22, you can begin filing your 2012 Montana income tax returns at [www.revenue.mt.gov](http://www.revenue.mt.gov). Click on Taxpayer Access Point, or TAP. E-filing your state income tax return—Form 2EZ, 2M, 2 or 2EC—is free.

While January 22 is the start date for e-filing Montana taxes by using the department’s free e-file service, the IRS has announced January 30 as the date that federal tax returns can be e-filed. What this means to taxpayers is that if you file your federal and state returns using IRS software or a third party software provider, the state won’t receive your return until January 30 or later.

If, however, you still prefer to file your returns using paper forms, you can pick up your 2012 Montana tax forms at libraries, post offices, county offices and some banks around the state. The new forms will also be posted at [www.revenue.mt.gov](http://www.revenue.mt.gov) by January 14. Although the department is providing paper forms January 14 we won’t begin processing those forms until after February 4 at the earliest.

In addition, no matter how soon in the tax season that you file with paper, you will receive your refund earlier by e-filing because of the extended time required to process paper.

“While we encourage citizens to e-file your state income taxes because of the benefits to you, such as getting your refunds faster, no matter how you file, the department appreciates it,” said Mike Kadas, new director of the Department of Revenue. “Also, if you need help filing your taxes, we have good people here to help.”

Taxpayer assistance is available year-round through the department’s call center. Our call center staff is prepared to answer not only individual income tax questions but most all questions about Montana’s tax system.

The department’s call center can be reached 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. Watch for our extended hours during the last week of tax season.

In addition, the department has walk in assistance in our Helena and Missoula offices. The address of our Helena office is 125 North Roberts. Our Missoula office is located at 2681 Palmer Street. Also there are 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 and to see a comprehensive listing of locations, visit [www.montanafreefile.org](http://www.montanafreefile.org). You can also access the information through the department's website at [www.revenue.mt.gov](http://www.revenue.mt.gov).

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