



# TIPS FOR FILING TAXES

Check out these tips for smooth filing:

- **File online.** Homeowners earning \$64,000 or less per year may file for free using an online system like the IRS FreeFile.
- **Claim credits.** If you earned \$53,930 or less in 2016, you may be eligible for an earned income tax credit of up to \$6,318.
- **Ask for help.** For federal tax help, use the IRS self-help resources. For help with your state taxes, live chat with a representative from the Franchise Tax Board.
- **File anyway.** File your taxes even if you can't make the full payment on time. Penalties for late payments may cost you up to 0.5% of your overdue tax bill every month past the deadline.
- **Apply for extension.** Submit a tax extension form (IRS Form 4868) to the IRS by mail or online. Note: Your payment will still be due on April 15, although you may receive up to six months' extension for filing.
- **Double-check.** Review your documents for incorrect information or mathematical errors. Common mistakes include incorrect Social Security numbers and calculations.

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