

Dear valued client,

Effective 9/30/25, the IRS is no longer processing paper payments or paper refund checks.

What this means for your remaining 2025 estimated tax payments:

- If you already had us schedule your estimated payments to be withdrawn automatically on the due dates, with your 2024 e-filed tax return, no action is necessary.
- If you have paper payment vouchers that you have not yet mailed, i.e. the 4th quarter estimate due 1/15/2026, you cannot mail that payment. **The IRS is no longer processing paper payments and the check will be returned to you.** It can be paid one of the following ways:
 - IRS online account – if you already have an IRS online account set up, you can login and submit that payment [here](#).
 - IRS direct pay – if you do not have an IRS online account set up, you can still make the payment as a guest [here](#). Step-by-step instructions can be found [here](#).
 - If you aren't comfortable submitting the payment yourself, our office can initiate a payment on your behalf. Our fee for this service is \$40. Please let us know ASAP if you would like us to schedule any payments on your behalf. We will schedule them to come out on the due date.

What this means for your 2025 tax return:

- In order to receive a refund, you must provide direct deposit information when you drop off your tax return information. The IRS will no longer mail paper refund checks. If you owe with your tax return, you must pay electronically in one of two ways:
 - Electronic funds withdrawal – your bank information will be included with your tax return electronic file, and the payment will be scheduled to come out on the due date.
 - SafeSend electronic payment – you will receive your tax return electronically through SafeSend. The program will include links for you to make the payment yourself.

What this means for your 2026 estimated tax payments:

- Electronic funds withdrawal – We can schedule all of your estimated payments to be withdrawn automatically on the due dates, with your 2025 e-filed tax return. No reminders will be sent. If you need to change/cancel a payment, you will have to call the IRS.

- SafeSend electronic payment – you will receive your tax return, including required estimated tax payment amounts, electronically through SafeSend. The program will include links for you to make each payment yourself. SafeSend will send you payment reminders before each payment is due.

What is SafeSend?

To assist with the new electronic payment requirements, we have invested in an electronic document/payment system. SafeSend offers a number of features that you may find helpful:

- With no username or password required, and with a similar look and feel throughout the entire platform, SafeSend makes the whole tax process easy – and not just for the digitally savvy. Nearly 50% of all SafeSend taxpayers are 55+.
- SafeSend allows you access to important documents and records, and allows you to easily share your returns with others directly in the portal, for up to seven years.
- You will receive automatic notifications and reminders for outstanding tasks, signing deadlines, and payment due dates. You can view and pay estimated and final tax payment vouchers for all returns and extensions directly within the portal. A notification center within the portal alerts you to new tasks and reminders, with direct links to access and complete them. Reminders default to email, but you can change them to text alerts.
- If you would like additional help gathering your tax documents, SafeSend also offers the ability to receive a detailed tax organizer, combined with a document upload tool. This tool will let you know what forms you should have (based on your prior year taxes), and allow you to upload and submit those forms if you like. Please contact our office if you would like the detailed organizer and tax document upload tool sent to you.

Please note, there is no change to payment requirements for your state return(s) for 2025. This is only applicable to your federal (IRS) tax payments.

Thank you,



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