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TAX TIP\$

by Bob Fitt, Tax Practitioner

If you filed your 2002 tax return and have not yet received your refund, you should check to see if the IRS has received your return and whether the refund was processed.

There are three automated systems for checking the status of the current year's federal refund.

1. Refund hotline at 1-800-829-1954
2. "Where's My Refund?" link on www.irs.gov
3. Tele-Tax System at 1-800-829-4477

Before calling or going on-line, you will need the following information.

- The social security number(s) on the return
- Your filing status. (Single, Married Filing Joint, etc.)
- The refund amount exactly as it is shown on the tax return

Each piece of information must be precise for the IRS computers to retrieve your data.

Those who filed a paper return this year should seriously consider electronic filing next year. For the fastest refund, without paying the exorbitant fees for Refund Anticipation Loans, you should file electronically and elect to have your refund directly deposited. Taxpayers receive these refunds in about three weeks.

Information provided here is general in nature and may require further clarification. For additional information, contact Bob Fitt, Tax Practitioner, at (215) 491-5425. If there are tax questions or issues you would like discussed here, please e-mail your questions to me at fittr@comcast.net.

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