



WHERE'S MY TAX REFUND?

Whether you are anxiously awaiting the refund you have due or are wondering why you had to pay additional tax for 2011, **the IRS has tools that can help you find the answer to the question, "Where's my Refund?!"**.

If you are due a tax refund for 2011, **you can check on your refund's progress via the "Where's My Refund?" feature on the IRS website at www.irs.gov**. The IRS has also released a free **smartphone app called IRS2Go** that includes the "Where's My Refund?" tool. Keep in mind that you cannot check on your refund until 72 hours after e-filing your return or four weeks after mailing your paper return. You will need your social security number, filing status, and exact amount of your refund to use the tool. Once this data is entered, the system will give you a date before which your refund should arrive. This date may change as your refund goes through processing, so you may want to check it periodically, especially if receiving a paper check. The IRS maintains that refunds for those who e-file should arrive within 10-21 days.

On the other hand, if you owed money on your 2011 tax return, you can **use the IRS' W-4 calculator to see what your withholding should be to avoid the same fate for 2012**. There is a link to the [calculator](#) on our website at www.accupay.com under Forms and Downloads. Use this calculator to determine whether you should adjust your withholding for the remainder of the year. (The calculator can also help if you want to reduce your refund and bring home more with each paycheck.)

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