

FREE TAX PREPARATION

This program is for low and moderate income households and senior citizens from Lackawanna County and surrounding areas. Wage earners and non-wage earners are eligible for the service.

Locations and Dates for Free Tax Preparation for 2009

THIS SECTION LISTS THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR WALK-IN, NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED SERVICE FOR ALL OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. LIMITED APPOINTMENT BASED SERVICE CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.

FIRST FLOOR, BRENNAN HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON 300 BLOCK OF MADISON AVE., SCRANTON, PA

Please see the reverse side of this flier for the listing of documents that you must bring with you to complete your return.

Tuesday	Feb-10	Noon - 6:00 PM	Monday	Mar-09	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb-11	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tuesday	Mar-10	Noon - 6:00 PM
Friday	Feb-13	9:00 AM - Noon	Wednesday	Mar-11	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monday	Feb-16	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tuesday	Mar-24	Noon - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	Feb-17	Noon - 6:00 PM	Wednesday	Mar-25	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb-18	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Friday	Mar-27	9:00 AM - Noon
Friday	Feb-20	9:00 AM - Noon			
Monday	Feb-23	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Monday	Mar-30	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday	Feb-24	Noon - 6:00 PM	Tuesday	Mar-31	Noon - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb-25	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Wednesday	Apr-01	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday	Feb-27	9:00 AM - Noon	Friday	Apr-03	9:00 AM - Noon
Monday	Mar-02	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM			
Tuesday	Mar-03	Noon - 6:00 PM			
Wednesday	Mar-04	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM			
Friday	Mar-06	9:00 AM - Noon			

IF NEEDED, YOU MAY BRING AN INTERPRETER TO ANY OF THE SITES.

UPPER VALLEY AREA - by appointment only on the dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Carbondale Senior Community Center
66 North Church St., Carbondale, PA

Call Chris Woronchuk for an appointment at: 346-0759 ext. 108

Saturday	Feb 14	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday	Feb 18	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	March 7	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday	March 30	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICE -

by appointment only on the dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

First floor, Brennan Hall, University of Scranton
300 Block of Madison Ave., Scranton, PA

Call Catholic Social Services for an appointment at: 207-2283

Spanish	Saturday Feb 21	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Russian	Saturday March 28	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MID-VALLEY AREA - by appointment only on the dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Valley Community Library
739 River St., Peckville, PA

Call Chris Woronchuk for an appointment at: 346-0759 ext. 108

Thursday	Feb 12	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday	Feb 26	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	March 18	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	April 2	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ABINGTONS AREA - by appointment only on the dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Abington Area Community Library
1200 Grove St., Clarks Summit, PA

Call Chris Woronchuk for an appointment at: 346-0759 ext. 108

Monday	Feb 23	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	March 2	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday	March 10	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	March 23	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOWER VALLEY - by appointment only on the dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

Taylor Community Library
710 South Main St., Taylor, PA

Call Chris Woronchuk for an appointment at: 346-0759 ext. 108

Wednesday	Feb 11	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	March 11	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday	March 16	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	March 25	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

NORTH POCONO AREA - by appointment only on the dates below. Call after January 1st to reserve your time.

North Pocono Senior Community Center - Route 435
Behind the Covington Police Dept. Building in Daleville, PA

Call Chris Woronchuk for an appointment at: 346-0759 ext. 108

Thursday	March 19	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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If you have a checking or savings account you can have your return in as little as 7 to 13 days. Don't pay hundreds of dollars just to get your refund a week earlier - that's a waste of money!

In order to complete your federal, state & local tax returns, please bring the following documents with you to the tax preparation site:

- ⇒ Valid picture ID.
- ⇒ All W2's. + 1099's
- ⇒ Social Security Numbers or ITIN for yourself and all dependents (e.g. spouse, children - please bring your children's social security cards with you).
- ⇒ Completed W-7's as appropriate. (Application for Tax Identification Number for individuals who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.)
- ⇒ Last year's return (optional, but very helpful).
- ⇒ Any records relating to income & expenses (e.g. business, rental income, dividends, sale of stock: - you must bring information on the original cost of the stock).
- ⇒ Personal bank account check (if you would like direct deposit into your bank account).
- ⇒ Real estate tax receipts for rent/tax rebate.

If you are a wage earner you may be eligible for as much as \$4,716 from the IRS!!!

The **EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)** is a special tax benefit for low/ moderate income wage earners who work full or part-time. Workers who meet the guidelines may be eligible for as much as \$4,716 from the government, with the average benefit as much as \$1,500. In addition, if you have dependent children, you may qualify for the **Child Tax Credit**, worth up to an additional \$1,000 for each qualifying child.

Below are examples of income eligibility for the Earned Income tax Credit (both earned income and the adjusted gross income must be less than the amounts indicated).

Married filing jointly with more than one qualifying child – up to \$39,783
Single taxpayer with with one qualifying child – up to \$33,241
SingleTaxpayer with no qualifying children – up to \$12,590

I-CAN!™ E-File If you are comfortable using the Internet there is an alternate method for filing your taxes. Instead of coming to one of the sites listed on the front of this flier you can enter your data online. The Internet address is: www.icanefile.org?caller=587 Taxes are easy to do with I-CAN!™ E-File and you don't need to be a computer expert. Answer a few questions and I-CAN!™ E-File will prepare your tax forms for you and E-File them if you wish and if your return can be electronically filed.

Need access to the Internet. No problem. call the United Way of Lackawanna County to set up an appointment to use one of their computers: tel. 343-1267 ext 221 - starts mid to late January.

Tax Assistance Coalition Members:

**The University of Scranton VITA Program
The United Way of Lackawanna County
Catholic Social Services of Lackawanna County
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA
The Voluntary Action Center of NEPA
Consumer Credit Counseling of NEPA**

Tax preparation services provided by the University of Scranton VITA Program.