

# Albert Lea Tax Service

**Office Hours:**  
January 26-April 15, 2026  
Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm  
Sat: 8am to Noon

## Need a Worksheet?

Visit our website at [www.altaxservice.com](http://www.altaxservice.com) to download worksheets, stop in our office to pick one up, or request one be sent.

## Deadline Dates For 2026:

Individuals Tax Returns:  
April 15, 2026

Farmers:  
If you don't pay your taxes in full by January 15<sup>th</sup>, you must file and pay by March 1, 2026

S Corps (Form 1120-S)  
March 15, 2026

C Corps (Form 1120)  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Partnerships (Form 1065)  
March 15, 2026

Non-Profits  
May 15, 2026

Form W-2  
To employees and file by  
January 31, 2026

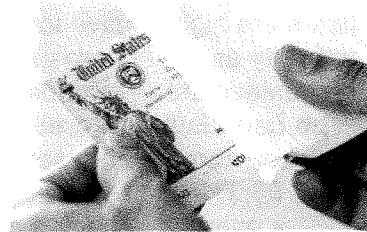
Form 1099-MISC  
To Recipient by  
January 31, 2026  
File by  
February 28, 2026

Form 1099-NEC  
To Recipient and file by  
January 31, 2026

Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP)  
To renters by  
January 31, 2026

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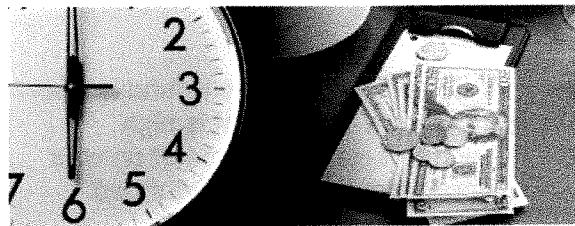
## IRS TO PHASE OUT PAPER TAX REFUND CHECKS STARTING WITH INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS: THE CHANGE IS DESIGNED TO...



**Protect taxpayers:** Paper checks are over 16 times more likely to be lost, stolen, altered, or delayed than electronic payments. Direct deposit also avoids the possibility that a refund check could be returned to the IRS as undeliverable.

**Speed up refunds:** Electronic refunds give taxpayers faster access to refunds, with payments issued in less than 21 days if filing electronically, choosing direct deposit and there are no issues with the return. If you opt out of direct deposit, paper check payments will take longer, and we are unsure how much longer at this time.

**Cut costs:** Electronic payments are more efficient and cost less than paper.



## NO TAX ON OVERTIME:

For tax years 2025 through 2028, individuals who receive qualified overtime compensation may deduct the pay that exceeds their regular rate of pay (generally, the

"half" portion of "time-and-a-half" compensation)

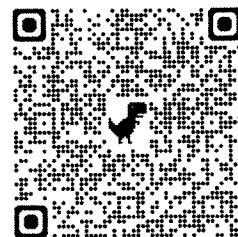
- Maximum annual deduction is \$12,500 (\$25,000 for joint filers).
- Deduction phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$150,000 (\$300,000 for joint filers).

The deduction is available for both itemizing and non-itemizing taxpayers.

## NO TAX ON TIPS:

Workers may be eligible for new deductions for tax years 2025 through 2028 if they received qualified tips. For tipped workers, the maximum annual deduction is \$25,000, which phases out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$150,000 (\$300,000 for joint filers).

SCAN QR CODE FOR OVERTIME  
AND TIPS DEDUCTION SCENARIOS





## HOW TO ORDER IRS REPORTING FORMS:

If you are an employer or business and need to order information returns (all series of forms W-2, W-3, W-4, 1096, 1098, 1099, 3921, 5498, and other products), scan the QR code to the left or go to <https://apps.irs.gov/app/taxmat/information-employer-returns/> to submit an order online or call 800-829-3676 to place your order over the phone.

## ARE YOU A HOMEOWNER?

You may be eligible for a Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund. This refund is a state-paid refund that provides tax relief to homeowners whose property taxes are high relative to their incomes. If you owned and occupied your property as your homestead, you may qualify for one or both of the following homestead credit refunds:

### Who can claim the credit?

Homeowners with household income less than \$142,490 can claim a refund up to \$3,310. Homeowners and mobile home owners:

- must have owned and lived in your home on January 2, 2026
- must have the property classified as your homestead (or applied for the classification)
- must have a valid Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
- must have paid or have an arrangement to pay any delinquent property taxes on the home (if any).



### You may qualify for \$1,000 in additional credits if:

- You lived in your home on January 2, of 2025 and January 2, 2026
- Your net property tax increased by more than 12% from 2025 to 2026 **AND**
- The increase was at least \$100.
- The increase was not because of improvements you made to the property

## DID YOU PAY RENT IN 2025?

You may be eligible for a Minnesota Rent Credit Refund. This refund is a state-paid refund that provides tax relief to renters whose rent is high relative to their incomes. The Renter's Credit is a refundable credit on your state income tax return. It will be part of your amount owed or refunded.

### Who can claim the credit?

Renters with household income of less than \$77,570 can claim a refund up to \$2,720. You must be a full year or part year Minnesota resident. You must have lived in a building where either property taxes were payable in 2025 or payments in lieu of property taxes (such as special assessments) were payable in 2025.



### Mobile Home Homeowners:

If you owned a mobile home and paid rent for a lot, use Form M1PR to claim a property tax refund for homeowners. Do not use Schedule M1RENT. If you rented the mobile home and also paid lot rent, you may claim renter's credit using this schedule.

## Who cannot claim the Homeowner and Rent credit?

You do not qualify if you were or could be claimed as a dependent. You are a dependent if any of these are true:

- You can be claimed on someone's 2025 income tax return
- You lived with a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, or uncle for more than half of the year, and both these apply:
  - You were under age 19 at the end of the year (24, if a full-time student) or any age if totally and permanently disabled during the year
  - You did not provide more than 50% of your own support
- You had gross income of less than \$5,200 and had more than 50% of your support provided by one of these:
  - A person you lived with for the entire year
  - A parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, aunt, uncle, sibling, niece, or nephew

**ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS - Standard Deduction for Federal**

Single:	\$15,750	Age 65 and older or blind ADDITIONAL deduction: \$2,000
Married Filing Joint:	\$31,500	Age 65 and older or blind ADDITIONAL deduction: \$1,600 EACH
Married Filing Separately	\$15,750	Age 65 and older or blind ADDITIONAL deduction: \$1,600
Head of Household:	\$23,625	Age 65 and older or blind ADDITIONAL deduction: \$2,000

**\*Can use on state side even if not itemizing on federal**

**MEDICAL & DENTAL (IS OVER 7.5% OF INCOME)**

Pre-Taxed  Self Employed

**\*HEALTH INS PREMIUMS**

Medicare \_\_\_\_\_ Part D \_\_\_\_\_

IA (can use in IA if over 65 and under \$100,000 of income)

**INTEREST TAXPAYER PAID**

Refinance Expense (bring closing forms)

Home mortgage interest & points (1098)

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Motorhome interest \_\_\_\_\_

Home Equity Loan Int (used for home) \_\_\_\_\_

Home mortgage interest not on 1098

(contract for deed)

Paid to name: \_\_\_\_\_

Soc Sec#: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Points/Origination Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

**MN \*LONG TERM CARE**

Ins. Co. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Premium: His/ \_\_\_\_\_ Hers/ \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #'s: His/ \_\_\_\_\_ Hers/ \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Miles @ .21/mile

Miles \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical & dental expenses (out of pocket)

Prescriptions \_\_\_\_\_

Dr/Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_ Glasses \_\_\_\_\_

Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_ Dental \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Nursing Home Exp: His/ \_\_\_\_\_ Hers/ \_\_\_\_\_

**TAXES YOU PAID – Max of \$40,000**

State tax paid in 2025 for 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

General sales tax vehicle purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Real Estate 1<sup>st</sup> Home \_\_\_\_\_ 8829

2<sup>nd</sup> Home \_\_\_\_\_ 8829

Personal Property (Auto Tabs)

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**\*GIFTS TO CHARITY (RECEIPTS REQUIRED)**

MN Church \_\_\_\_\_

Charity \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable Miles \_\_\_\_\_

MN .14/mile \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IA .14/mile \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable property \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS**

Gambling Loss \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinary Losses \_\_\_\_\_

Annuity or Roth loss \_\_\_\_\_

**MN ITEMIZING W-2 EMPLOYEE NOT REIMBURSED BY EMPLOYEE**

Miles @ .70/mile

Miles \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Overnites \_\_\_\_\_ Per diem \$80/day \_\_\_\_\_

Unreimbursed Tools \_\_\_\_\_

Unreimbursed Clothing/boots/gloves \_\_\_\_\_

Unreimbursed Motels \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU TO DO YOUR TAXES...**

This newsletter and the enclosed information has been prepared to assist you in gathering information for your 2025 tax return. Please take the time to review the entire packet, answers any questions you feel comfortable completing on your own and return this entire packet to us when you do your taxes.

***Don't forget your bank information for direct deposit!***



**DO YOU NEED AN APPOINTMENT...**

We are a walk-in tax service and appointments are NOT necessary. However, if you do have self-employment income such as a business or farm, or rental income, we strongly suggest you make an appointment.

**PAY WITH CASH AND SAVE...**

We offer a 4% cash discount. Forms of cash payment include cash, check, cashier's check or a money order. Forms of payment that are NOT cash include a debit or credit card.