

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers

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Use IRS e-file and get your refund faster using direct deposit

Last year, almost 100 million people chose to use the safest, fastest and easiest way to file their federal income taxes — IRS e-file. It's more accurate, saves paper and even works if you owe taxes. You can file now and pay up until April 18.

"IRS e-file is the best option for everyone, especially for people impacted by recent tax law changes," said Doug Shulman, IRS commissioner. "E-file ensures people can file accurately and get refunds quickly."

To make things even more convenient, if you're getting a refund, you can get your money automatically, in as few as 10 days, by e-filing *and* using direct deposit. You also can choose how to receive your refund. You can:

- Direct deposit your refund into one checking or savings account
- Split your refund with direct deposits into two or three checking or savings accounts

Splitting your refund is easy. Use IRS' [Form 8888](#), Allocation of Refund (including Savings Bond Purchases). Just follow the instructions on the form. If you want IRS to deposit your refund into just one account, use the direct deposit line on your tax form.

With split refunds, you have a convenient option for managing your money — sending some of your refund to an account for immediate use and some for future savings — teamed with the speed and safety of direct deposit.

Direct deposit also avoids the possibility that your check could be lost or stolen or returned to IRS as undeliverable.

Speed, safety and choice — with e-file and direct deposit you can have it all!

Treasury has announced that by March 1, 2013, all federal benefit and non-tax payments will be paid electronically. This is another avenue to get your money safely and quickly — on time, every time! They recommend the use of two safe, convenient alternatives to paper checks for federal benefits:

- **Direct Deposit** — The U.S. Treasury Processing Center's toll-free helpline and Website give Americans who have checking or savings accounts a fast, easy way to switch. To sign up, people can go to www.GoDirect.org, call (800) 333-1795, or visit their local bank or credit union.
- **Direct Express[®] Debit MasterCard[®] Card** — This prepaid debit card provides a safe, low-cost alternative to paper checks for federal benefits. Cardholders can make purchases, get cash and pay bills. No bank account is required. To sign up for the card, or to learn about its fees and features, people can go to www.GoDirect.org, call (800) 333-1795, or contact their local Social Security, Veterans Affairs or other federal agency office.

NOTE TO EDITOR: *Below are links to more e-file, direct deposit and The Treasury Department's Go Direct.*

IRS.gov

- [Information for e-file](#)
- [Get your refund faster -- Tell IRS to Direct Deposit Your Refund to One, Two or Three Accounts](#)

For more information about the U.S. Department of Treasury's **Go Direct** campaign or to order free materials, visit www.GoDirect.org.