

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (284 word count)

Customize and post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to encourage your customers to e-file their federal tax return.

Several great reasons to e-file your federal tax return

Are you still doing your taxes on paper? If so, join the 122 million taxpayers who e-filed last year. They already know that [IRS e-file](#) is the best way to file a federal tax return.

Here are five great reasons you should e-file your tax return:

- **Accurate and complete.** E-file is the best way to file an accurate and complete tax return. The tax software does the math for you, and it helps you avoid mistakes.
- **Safe and secure.** IRS e-file meets strict guidelines and uses the best encryption technology. The IRS has safely and securely processed more than 1.2 billion e-filed individual tax returns since the program began.
- **Faster refunds.** E-filing usually brings a faster refund because there is nothing to mail and your return is less likely to have errors, which take longer to process. The IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days. The fastest way to get your refund is to combine e-file with [direct deposit](#) into your bank account.
- **Payment options.** If you owe taxes, you can e-file early and set an automatic payment date anytime on or before the April 15 due date. You can pay by check or money order, or by debit or credit card. You can also transfer funds electronically from your bank account.
- **E-file's easy.** You can e-file your federal return through [IRS Free File](#), the free tax preparation program available only at IRS.gov. You can also use commercial tax software or ask your tax preparer to e-file your return. If you qualify, IRS [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly](#) will e-file your return for free.

To learn more about IRS e-file, visit [IRS.gov](#).

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are additional resources, including YouTube videos, you can share with your customers.

IRS YouTube Videos:

- Welcome to Free File – [English](#)
- Do It Yourself Free Tax Preparation – [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

IRS Podcasts:

- Do It Yourself Free Tax Preparation – [English](#) | [Spanish](#)