

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to remember

There are several important dates coming up:

August 7 All return information must be submitted to Green & McElreath for 2008 tax returns due September 15, 2009.

September 15	*NEW DEADLINE* All partnership, trust, and estate tax returns are now due September 15 and NOT October 15 as in past years. Again, submit your information to us by August 7!
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September 15 All 2008 calendar S-corporation income tax returns are due.

September 15 3rd quarter 2009 estimated tax payments due.

September 11 All return information must be submitted to Green & McElreath for 2008 tax returns due October 15, 2009.

October 15 All 2008 individual income tax returns are due.

November 16 2009 Texas Corporate Franchise tax returns are due.

Firm Announcement

We are excited to welcome the CPA firm, Killingsworth & Company, P.C. Joel Killingsworth brings 35 years of experience in audit, review, compilation, and tax services. We've known Joel for a number of years and are thrilled to have him on the team.

Employees

May Owe

Don't forget to adjust your withholding! New stimulus laws decreased employee federal income tax withholding amounts. Due to this, you are more likely to owe taxes when you file your income tax return. If you normally receive a refund, it is possible your refund will be smaller. Don't get caught off guard when you file your return.

Cash for Clunkers

Cash-for-Clunkers is a federal program that helps consumers purchase a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle when they trade-in an older, less fuel-efficient one. Eligible consumers may receive credit up to \$4,500 to offset the purchase of a new vehicle. The program ends November 1, 2009, or until funds are exhausted. Special rules apply.

Full-Service Firm

Green & McElreath provides more than personalized tax solutions. We preserve assets through generations and provide bookkeeping and payroll assistance, accounting and audit services, business and financial consultation, internal audit operations design and assistance, estate and trust services, tax matters consultation and preparation, computer hardware and software resources, elder care assistance and can better assist you, if you call us first.

Our team of advisors possesses advanced knowledge in several highly-specialized areas, such as:

- Oil and gas
- Tax and financial planning
- Not-for-profit entities and charitable giving
- Engineering firms & physician practices
- Renewable energy
- Family limited partnerships, trusts, and estates
- QuickBooks

**Residential
Energy Credit**

The residential energy property credit is back for 2009 & 2010. The improved law offers a credit of 30% of the cost of qualifying energy-efficient improvements, with a maximum credit of \$1,500. Some qualifying items include insulation, exterior windows and heating and A/C systems.

**Bonus/
179 Depreciation**

In addition to extending the increase in section 179 depreciation to \$250,000, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allows businesses to claim a first-year bonus depreciation deduction of 50% for most new machinery, equipment, and software acquired and placed in service during 2009. Limitations apply.

2009 Planning

Proactive tax planning is the key to keeping more of what you make. This means scouring your income and expenses for every available deduction, credit, loophole, and opportunity--and without aggressive strategies, gray areas, or red flags.

Proper tax planning doesn't wait until April 15th. It is a year-round process to anticipate changes affecting your taxes before you file. Ordinary events can trigger tax consequences. We can advise you how to take advantage of possible savings before year-end if you or your spouse:

- Marry or divorce
- Have or adopt a baby
- Incur unusually high medical expenses
- Make charitable gifts (other than cash)
- Make gifts of more than \$13,000 to any one person
- Start, invest in, close, or sell a business
- Increase or decrease your business income
- Buy or lease vehicles or equipment for business
- Sell business assets
- Reach age 70 1/2
- Retire or start receiving IRA or retirement plan distributions
- Buy or sell investments

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