



Your Money

Finding Smarter Ways To Save

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(NAPSA)—For the first time in a long time, Americans are saving more and spending less—and many economists expect this trend to continue well into the future. But how can you make those extra savings pay off? Consider a Roth IRA.



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Labeled by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine as "Best all-around retirement account," today's Roth IRA is loaded with benefits to help rebuild—or start building—your nest egg. Here are just a few reasons to make

the Roth your go-to account:

Tax-Free Growth

For older savers, this means an IRA can help you rebuild any losses to your nest egg. Meanwhile, younger savers stand to gain even more, because they have more time to invest their savings and let them grow tax-free.

Tax-Free Withdrawals

If you're older than 59½ and have had your account for at least five years, your contributions and earnings can be withdrawn tax-free. That makes the Roth a great choice for long-term savers.

Access Earnings

If need be, you can tap your earnings early—to pay for college or buy a home.

Penalty-Free

You can withdraw your contributions—but not any earnings—to a Roth IRA tax-free and penalty-

free at any time. Of course, you hope you never have to withdraw funds early—since doing so means giving up their future earnings—but should an emergency arise, that money will be available.

Contribute More

In 2009, you can contribute up to \$5,000 into your Roth plus an additional \$1,000 if you are 50 or older. This is subject to income limits, however.

Consider Converting

Since growth in a Roth IRA may be tax-free, you might consider converting a Traditional IRA to a Roth.

Easy Funding

You can add extra funding to a Roth IRA in a few simple ways. If you receive a tax refund, you might invest all or part of it in a Roth each year. Or, if you receive a raise, increase your IRA accordingly. But most importantly, treat your retirement account—Roth IRA or otherwise—as you would any other monthly bill. Pay into it regularly.

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