

# Tax Tips

## Free E-filing Is Easier Than Ever

(NAPSA)—If you've been thinking about using e-file for your tax returns, you're in good company. More taxpayers are electronically preparing and filing their returns than ever before—nearly 90 million in 2008! New in 2009, the IRS has expanded the e-file program by highlighting new features that will allow more access to electronic filing and help people looking for faster refunds.

### Why Use e-file

e-file meets the needs of nearly every taxpayer, whether your return is simple or complicated.

- **It's convenient.** You can access your previous year's return and copy duplicate information, such as your address, to a new form.

- **It's quick.** Refunds come in half the time as paper filing...in as little as 10 days when you use Direct Deposit.

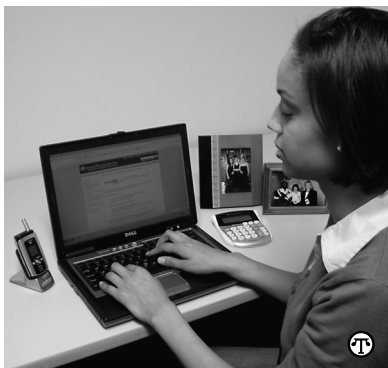
- **It's safe.** Electronic transmissions to the IRS are secure, using dedicated lines with the latest encryption technology.

- **It's reassuring.** After you e-file your return, you'll get an electronic acknowledgment that the IRS received it, typically within 24 hours.

- **It's accessible.** You can e-file your return 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- **File now, pay later.** If you owe money to the IRS, you can still e-file your return now and pay later, as long as you pay by April 15, 2009.

Many tax software products



**You can get your tax refund faster when you file electronically.**

are no longer charging extra for electronic filing. Be sure to shop around and look into software product offers.

### e-file for Free

Now that you know the benefits of e-filing, how would you like to do it for free? Free File, a form of e-file, is a free federal preparation and electronic filing program if your adjusted gross income was \$56,000 or less in 2008. This year, IRS and its partners are offering a new option, Free File Fillable Forms, which opens up Free File to virtually everyone, even if your AGI exceeds \$56,000. To find out more, go to the official Web site of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) and select "Free File."

This year, join the millions of taxpayers who are e-filing their tax returns. And if you qualify for Free File, use it to save money. You'll help yourself, while enjoying its many benefits.