

RADIO ROUNDUP

a collection of features, oddities,
and helpful tips



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THE FALL CAN BE A BUSY TIME FOR MOST PARENTS, BUT WITH YOUR KIDS HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL, WHY NOT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE YOUR FINANCIAL RECORDS AND CREDIT REPORT? IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO START WITH REPORTS THAT MIGHT BE LESS FAMILIAR TO YOU. MANY PEOPLE ARE AWARE THEY CAN GET A FREE CREDIT REPORT FROM ANNUAL-CREDIT-REPORT--DOT--COM. BUT THEY ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO OTHER CONSUMER REPORTS THAT MAY BE USED TO EVALUATE THEIR FINANCIAL STANDING IF THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT BUYING INSURANCE, HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF CHECK FRAUD OR ARE PLANNING TO LEASE AN APARTMENT. WORKING WITH THE CONSUMER DATA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU HAS PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES. EXPERTS SUGGEST IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR CONSUMERS TO HAVE A COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE INFORMATION THAT MAY IMPACT FINANCIAL DECISIONS OTHERS MAKE ABOUT THEM. FOR A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE SPECIALIZED DATABASES THAT DEAL WITH MORE TARGETED FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT CONSUMERS, VISIT THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU'S WEBSITE AT CONSUMER-FINANCE--DOT--GOV AND SEARCH CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.