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Free tax filing help this Saturday

Behind on taxes? » Utahns offered help with old tax returns.

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Utahns who did not pay their taxes in the past several years can receive help this Saturday at the Redwood Recreation Center, 3060 South Redwood Road. Six tax preparers will be available at no cost to aid people on their 2007, 2008 and 2009 returns. Financial education will also be available.

"If they haven't filed in years and they're due a refund, they're passing up on money that is essentially theirs," said Casey Christoffersen, who is organizing the event for Community Action Partnership of Utah. "And if they do owe money and they're not doing a return, they're causing more harm to themselves -- they can't outrun the IRS forever."

Interest accrues on unpaid tax obligations, and penalties may also be due. But the Internal Revenue Service is willing to work with individuals on payment plans. Officials also encourage people to contact the IRS if they are on a payment schedule and can't make the payments.

Belatedly paying tax returns can benefit everyone, Christoffersen said. "It's bringing federal money to the local community," he said.

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Do you need tax help?

Come to the Redwood Recreation Center, 3060 South Redwood Rd., this Saturday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Call 2-11 to set up an appointment. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

For more tax information, visit www.irs.gov or go to the Utah IRS offices at 210 North 1950 West or 50 South 200 East. Call 1-800-829-1040 for telephone assistance.

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