

Free Tax Services offered to Palm Beach County Residents

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It's that time of year when the United Way of Palm Beach County teams up with IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers for a tax-free filing campaign. This initiative offers free, confidential, and secure tax preparation and e-filing for qualified taxpayers. Taxes Filed Free provides two easy and stress-free ways to file at no cost: taxpayers can file online at www.MyFreeTaxes.com anytime and anywhere, or they can meet with an IRS-certified volunteer in person at one of 16 locations throughout the county. Volunteers are available to assist in English, Spanish, Creole, and sign language, with no appointment required.

To make it easier to prepare your return please bring the following items to the VITA sites:

- Last year's Federal Income Tax Return (**2024 income tax returns**)
- **Social Security Cards** for you, your spouse (if married), and all dependents listed on the return
- **Correct birth dates** for all names listed on the return
- All **W-2's** for 2024, including spouses
- **Form 1098** – Mortgage interest, property taxes
- **Form 1099** – DIV, G, INT, MISC, NEC, K, Q, R, RRB, SSA for 2024
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of your refund (This is optional, but it gets your cash to you fast)
- A **Photo ID card** (driver's license, etc.), including spouse's, if married and filing joint return
- For **Dependent Care Credit, bring care provider's name, address, SSN/EIN, and amount you paid**
- For **Education Credit, bring 1098T or 1098E and amount paid for qualified expenses**
- **Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement**

If married and filing a joint return, both spouses must come to the VITA site.

VITA volunteers will NOT prepare Schedule D (Complex), Schedule E, Employee Business Expenses, Moving Expenses and Nondeductible IRA.

This Free Tax Assistance is offered from Thursday, January 22nd-Tuesday, April 15th. Don't miss this deadline!

To find a VITA site location near you, call 211 or visit www.TaxesFiledFree.org.