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UPCOMING DEADLINES:
4TH QTR ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS DUE: 01-15-27
TAX EXTENSION DEADLINE APPROACHING QUICKLY: 10-15-26

2026 Shred Event: Due to the lack of attendance at our 2025 Shred Event we decided not to host a 2026 Shred Event this year.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS "RMDs"

As we are approaching the end of the year it is important to keep in mind your required minimum distributions. These apply to any tax deferred- retirement account once you reach age 73 and the deadline to take a distribution for the year is December 31, 2026. You can delay your very first RMD until April 1 of the year after you turn 73, though this means taking two distributions in a single tax year.
As life expectancy increases, more people want to defer withdrawals from their retirement accounts for as long as possible to ensure their nest egg will meet their retirement income needs. However, under current law, withdrawals must begin by a certain age to avoid penalties. The Internal Revenue Code currently requires a taxpayer to begin taking withdrawals from their traditional IRA, SIMPLE IRA, SEP IRA or retirement plan account when they reach age 73 (75 for those born in 1960 or later).
Whether lifetime RMDs or RMDs on inherited accounts, is complex. Having a professional assist with the RMD puzzle through tax and estate planning can help them minimize tax liabilities for themselves and their heirs. Ideally, planning for lifetime RMDs should begin well before the client's required beginning date. Using the actions outlined here can reduce the IRA balance before RMDs are required and may also provide the satisfaction of providing income to heirs and beneficiaries.

RMD's are complicated and could cost you additional taxes if they are missed or not distributed. There is a 25% excise tax of the amount not distributed as required.

Required Minimum Distribution Ages

RMD Age Schedule by Birth Year

- **Born before July 1, 1949:** Age 70½
- **Born July 1, 1949 through 1950:** Age 72
- **Born 1951 through 1959:** Age 73
- **Born 1960 or later:** Age 75

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Benefits of Tax Planning

Tax Planning can help give you some peace of mind about what to expect for taxes the following year. You can know based on your current patterns what you may owe or receive back in the form of a refund before tax season even starts. Here are steps you can take to effectively plan:

- Increase your withholdings from your wages. If you consistently owe year after year you may want to consider increasing your withholdings or making estimated tax payments. This will reduce your tax liability and avoid paying fees on owed taxes.
- There are many tax deductions with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) talked about in our previous newsletters that clients should be aware of to discuss. See which ones you may qualify for and let us know if they apply to you. For example if you make charitable contributions keep records of these to reduce the amount of income you are taxed on even if you don't itemize your deductions.
- Tax planning helps you to plan for other areas of finance in your life. It gives you a chance to really look through your finances and see where you can cut spending, save, budget, and plan for any lifestyle change.
- Whether you're buying or selling a house, starting a business, having a child, or dealing with the loss of a loved one, big changes in your life that affect your finances happen to all of us. Keep records of these financial changes. Not only will we be able to help you sort through your documents and find ways that you can reduce your tax liability, this can also help ensure that you have the most accurate numbers for tax season and protect yourself in case of an IRS audit.

Looking to retire soon? To get your retirement on track, you should take the following steps:

- **Estimate your expenses**
- **Optimize your RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION accounts**
- **Plan for healthcare**
- **Eliminate debt**
- **Plan for taxes**
- **Rollover retirement accounts**
- **CONTACT US TO FURTHER DISCUSS YOUR PERSONAL INVESTMENT PLAN AND TAX STRATEGIES**

We are here to help! Contact us to schedule an appointment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED BUSINESS

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