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Dear Client

As the year winds down, the tax reporting forms begin to arrive, and we want to remind you which ones we need you to accumulate and send to us with your tax information.

First, there is a new form the 1099-K that you may receive for income received through eBay or Facebook Marketplace sales, and sometimes for simple cash transactions using a cash 'between friends' app such as Venmo, Zelle, or CashApp. These need to be cleared out on the tax return even if they are not taxable income. Initially, the IRS passed legislation to require the 1099-K to you for amounts over \$600 per year. They have backed off this legislation and will send them, this year, for amounts over \$20,000. Next year, 2024, the cap amount will be \$5,000. Be ready to give us any 1099-K you receive.

We still need the annual information forms that are sent to you for tax purposes. Our check sheet on our website lists these for you as a guide. If you have a small business or rental property, a separate checklist is available for businesses.

New credits for home improvements went into effect this year and can provide you with tremendous tax benefits. If you installed a new furnace, A/C, boiler, heat pump, water heater, woodstove, windows, doors, insulation, solar or battery storage please be sure to provide us with a copy of the invoice.

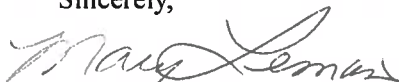
Similarly, if you bought a new electric or hybrid car in 2023, please be sure to provide that invoice copy as well.

In Montana, many of us received a rebate from a prior tax year and on property taxes from the Montana Department of Revenue. Although, in most cases, this will not be taxable, we do need to indicate the amount of rebate that was received for the state filing this year.

If you owe taxes in an amount over \$1,000 to the IRS or over \$500 to the State of Montana, we are required to give you estimated tax coupons for the next year to prepay your tax burden. The taxing authorities are taking these payments very seriously so, if you will owe taxes in the next year, this one being 2024, you are required to make the estimated payments. If you are given estimated payment coupons, please discuss this with us so you fully understand the tax and possible penalties that are involved.

Every year we are reminded how much we value your business, and we want to say once again thank you. Please call us with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Lemons and Staff