



January 2019

Happy New Year!

As we look back and reflect on 2018, we cannot help but feel excited to implement the changes Congress has made for the 2018 Tax Season. We are grateful for the challenges and triumphs we've faced, and for the journey that God has taken us on this year. We are excited to see what God has in store for us in 2019.

A Look Back for Integrity

2018 brought many exciting and enlightening moments for Integrity Tax Group.

Our values are very important to us. With the name "Integrity," we continually strive to live up to our name.

- Committed Team Player
- Relationships and Family Values
- Proactive Continuous Improvement
- Enthusiastic Customer Service
- Professionalism and Expertise
- Lean Stewardship

We have been working to integrate Integrity's best practices and culture into all our offices. We encourage you to help hold us accountable.

A part of making sure we are solving the tax and business needs for you includes a renewed commitment to education. Especially regarding the new tax laws, we will continue to stay on top of changes. We will be discussing how the new laws specifically affect your return at your appointment. Please bring us your questions as well!

This Year's Tax Filings

With all the hype going on around the tax overhaul taking effect next year, many are overlooking a few important details for this year's filings. We will see a few changes repeat themselves from last year alongside some new changes.

Itemizing is not completely gone. The standards have increased and some deductions have disappeared. Please make sure you speak to your preparer about any concerns or questions.

Alimony can no longer be deducted for divorces finalized after January 1, 2019 (recipient does not have to claim the income)

Phishers are Still Scamming... Some are Still Biting

In 2018, taxpayers saw an enormous increase in Email and letter scams. Regardless, now more than ever it is important to **bring any correspondence you get to us**. Our offices are full of Enrolled Agents, tax preparers that are specially licensed to talk to the IRS on your behalf. These licensed professionals will be able to tell if correspondence is genuine and advise on the proper course of action.

Action Items...

The deadline to file individual tax returns this year will be **April 15, 2019**. **S-Corps and Partnerships** is **March 15, 2019**. Please call us if you would like an extension; personal extensions will generally not be filed unless requested.

Don't Forget about your Friends!

Friends confused with the new tax laws and need help? For every person you refer that files with us, we give YOU \$25. Your referral also receives \$25 off their tax bill when they come in.

Your Checklist

The checklist is available on our website or you can call one of the offices to request a checklist to be sent to you:

www.integritytaxgroup.com/Year-End

Call to Make your Appointment Now!

If you still need to schedule your appointment or would like to reschedule, please contact us now at:

Jenison: (616) 457-5652

Grand Haven: (616) 842-8860

Benton Harbor: (269) 925-1912

Kentwood: (616) 534-3336

NE Grand Rapids: (616) 361-6148

Holland: (616) 392-5598

Rockford: (616) 866-4704

or email us at help@integritytaxgroup.com

As always, feel free to stop into one of our offices, mail, or fax your information to us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Your team at

