

THE VALUE OF TAXAWAY TAX PREPARATION SERVICES:

Expertise, Communication, Availability

1. Keeping up-to-date with the ever-changing tax laws, one of many requirements of being an enrolled agent. Licensed to represent you in an audit, meaning you won't have to face or even deal with the IRS/state directly.
2. Explaining your tax return in a way that you may understand and have confidence in its accuracy.
3. Being available year-round to answer tax questions, plan for employment changes, answer IRS/state notices, and yes, to help those who procrastinate!

And the details on each:

1) Tax laws are constantly changing and increasing in complexity. Even a small change can affect you, for better or worse! An enrolled agent is required to take a minimum 72 hours of qualified educational credits in a 3-year cycle. I average 40-50 hours *every year*, not only to keep up with new or updated tax laws, but to refresh my knowledge and to keep sharp with audit representation procedures as well.

As an enrolled agent, I have received the highest credential the IRS grants to tax professionals, and must adhere to ethical standards and educational requirements. Enrolled agents (along with CPAs and attorneys) are admitted to 'practice before the IRS,' which allows me to represent taxpayers under audits, collections, and appeals. This means I organize your audit defense and responses, I attend the meetings and make the phone calls, I am your voice to the IRS, instead of you having to deal with them.

2) Having studied Geology, English, Creative Writing, and Tax Law, I can apply my education when explaining your tax return. Okay, maybe not the geology...unless I can save you money which would be gneiss. But when you receive your tax return, my goal is that you will be confident in its accuracy, benefit from the lowest proper tax liability, and understand 'how all the numbers fit together.'

3) Dealing with taxes doesn't really end on April 15; often you may experience job or life changes during the year which may affect your tax situation. Or the IRS could send you a notice of some issue from a previous year. Maybe you may want to double-check to see if your tax withholding/payments are on target. And sometimes missing paperwork or some event might require you to file an extension which gives you extra time to October 15 to timely file. I am available year-round.

These are the benefits of Taxaway Tax Preparation Services.

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