

TAX TOPICS



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UPCOMING TAX FILING DUE DATES

With the year progressing quickly, staying ahead of important tax deadlines is essential. Be sure to check out the **[DRS 2026 Tax Filing Due Dates Calendar](#)**.

This resource outlines key filing dates throughout the year so you can stay organized, plan ahead, and avoid unnecessary filing stress. Whether you're an individual filer, business owner, or self-employed, staying informed and taking a proactive approach helps ensure you remain compliant with Connecticut tax laws.



TALKING (RETIREMENT) TAXES IN CT!

Commissioner Mark Boughton joined Ben Fuchs of Fuchs Financial to talk about retiring in Connecticut and tax liabilities. Search for @FuchsFinancial on YouTube to watch the segment!

HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE:

Business Address:
450 Columbus Blvd., Ste 1
Hartford, CT 06103

Email: DRS@ct.gov
Website: portal.ct.gov/DRS

Business Hours:
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

DRS eAssistant:
Available 24/7 on [myconnect](#)
Provides real-time responses

Phone:
860-297-5962
860-297-4911 (TTY, TDD, and Text
Telephone users only)

In-Person Assistance:
Hartford Walk-In Office
450 Columbus Blvd.
8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026 legislative session convened on February 4, 2026, and adjourned on May 6, 2026. The General Assembly passed a wide range of tax legislation affecting some of the taxes administered by DRS. Visit the [2026 Connecticut State Tax Developments](#) page for the latest legislative updates!

One of the changes that became effective this summer, beginning July 1, is new legislation that permanently exempts certain school supplies from sales tax year-round. For more information, review [PS 2026\(1\), The Exemption from the Sales and Use Tax for Nonelectronic School Supplies](#).

Also coming this summer is Connecticut's 27th Annual Sales Tax-Free Week from Sunday, August 16, through Saturday, August 22. Sales Tax-Free Week was modified to increase the tax-exempt amount from \$100 to \$300 and the list of exempt items has expanded. For more information, visit the [2026 Connecticut Sales Tax-Free Week](#) page.



Tax Filing Season Wrap Up

2026 Filing Season Statistics

Another successful income tax filing season is almost complete! So far, over 1.8 million Connecticut income tax returns have been received during the 2026 filing season. As outlined in the charts below, the DRS Contact Service Center answered over 93,800 phone calls and met in person with over 2,800 taxpayers at our Hartford Walk-In Office on 450 Columbus Boulevard. In addition, the **DRS eAssistant** and a variety of targeted webinars also proved to be valuable tools for taxpayers. Please find some additional information below regarding the efforts of the DRS Contact Center during the filing season:

Contact Service Center	
Taxpayer phone calls	93,839
Taxpayer correspondence and secure message responded to	5,111
Taxpayer interactions with the DRS eAssistant	44,423



SPOTLIGHT: TAXPAYER SERVICES

Have you ever had to contact DRS? Perhaps you had a tax question, misplaced your tax refund check, or needed to report an address change? Chances are, you have interacted with one of our amazing employees in the Taxpayer Service Center by phone, email, or in person. This unit, of around 40 employees, is usually the first line of contact when interacting with DRS. As you can see from the numbers above, especially during the income tax season, they get extremely busy. With approximately 47 different tax types administered by DRS, there is no shortage of subjects that they can help you with. Don't have time to call? You can find your answer online in the [DRS Research Library](#). The research library will provide you with links to statutes, regulations, legislative updates, Annual Reports, and so much more.



SEASONAL TAX TOPICS



As the summer season unfolds, warmer and longer days contribute to an increase in recreation, outdoor events, and construction projects.

Rental of Tangible Personal Property

Even if the rental of tangible personal property is short term, this does not change the general tax treatment. The rental of tangible personal property is subject to Connecticut sales and use taxes. Below are some summer activities that often involve rentals of tangible personal property:

- Bike racks
- Camping equipment
- Jet skis
- Kayaks
- Party equipment
- Tool equipment

Repair or Maintenance Service to Real Property

Driveway Sealing Services

Seasonal maintenance helps keep paved surfaces in good condition. Driveway sealing services help extend pavement life and are subject to sales and use taxes.

Exterminating Services

Rising temperatures can lead to increased activity among ants, mosquitoes, and other unwanted pests. Pest control and extermination services are generally subject to sales and use taxes, excluding the service of live trapping a pest for later release.

Swimming Pool Cleaning / Maintenance Services

Keep your pool sparkling and ready for summer fun! Swimming pool cleaning, maintenance, and repair services are subject to sales and use taxes.

Personal Services

Car Washing / Detailing Services

Keep your car looking its best with a summer wash and detail. Car washing and detailing services are subject to sales and use taxes.

Pet Grooming / Boarding Services

When planning that weekend getaway, pet grooming or pet boarding services will provide that home away from home for your furry family member. Pet grooming / pet boarding services are subject to sales and use taxes.

Photographic Studio Services

Make memories last a lifetime with beautifully captured professional photos. Photographic studio services are subject to sales and use taxes.



EDUCATION & OUTREACH NEWS

This summer, come join us and stay connected through the Education and Outreach (E&O) Unit's educational tax engagements across the state. Below is a list of recent engagements. Also, stay connected by visiting the DRS Tax Events Calendar on the [DRS website](#) for upcoming engagements and for additional information.

If you or your organization would like to schedule a speaking engagement with professionals at DRS on state tax guidance, DRS recommends that you visit the [Education and Outreach Speakers Program](#) page. This page will provide instructions on how to request a speaking engagement.

For further information or questions, please reach out to the DRS Education and Outreach Unit: DRS.EducationandOutreach@ct.gov. DRS is only a click away!

Date	Time	Engagements
March 6	11:00 AM	Prosser Library, 1 Tunxis Ave, Bloomfield, CT
March 12	4:00 PM	Oxford Library, 49 Great Oak Rd, Oxford, CT
March 13	12:00 PM	Guilford Senior Center, 32 Church St, Guilford, CT
March 16	12:00 PM	Bethel Senior Center, 1 School St, Bethel, CT
March 18	11:00 AM	Waterbury Senior Center, 1985 E. Main St, Waterbury, CT
March 26	9:00 AM	CT (SBA) SBDC Lending Expo, 4 Sebethe Dr, Cromwell, CT
March 30	1:00 PM	McMahon Wintonbury Library, 1015 Blue Hills Ave, Bloomfield, CT
June 5	9:00 AM	CT (SBA) SBDC Lending Expo, 780 Bridgeport Ave, Shelton, CT
June 29	1:30 PM	Brookfield Senior Center Event, 100 Pocono Rd, Brookfield, CT

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