

2011 tax return deadline

Washington DC is taking a day off for a Holiday on April 15.

No, not to celebrate your income taxes being due.... they are celebrating the anniversary of President Lincoln signing into law the Emancipation Act. The reason you care is that since Washington DC is celebrating Emancipation Day on Friday, April 15, the filing deadline is extended to Monday, April 18 for the 2011 filing season.

We are pro-Abraham Lincoln, we are pro-freeing the slaves. We are NOT pro-waiting until the last minute to file tax returns. With the e-file mandate, Lux & Associates will still use the April 15 date as a final due date for filing tax returns or extensions.

But wait, there is more! As you recall, our buddies in Washington DC (yes, them again) waited until the end of the year to pass the tax laws we all expected would be passed.

The IRS is still trying to reprogram their computers (no, it isn't just pushing a button) to accommodate the new laws and are telling us filing and processing will be delayed at least two weeks. This additional wrinkle will not affect most of our clients but if you normally like to file by January 30th and you have itemized deductions, earned income or higher education credits or expenses, you will have to wait to file until mid-February.