

TAX PREPARATION HELP

Below you will find a list of resources for free tax assistance. We also offer a selection of books at the library to assist you. If you know the exact name or number of the tax form you need, it can be printed at the Information Desk at your request. For more information please check <https://www.summitlibrary.org/info-For-Free-tax-assistance/>

Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers Offered by the IRS (Federal and Local)

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites offer **free** tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- People who generally make \$64,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers
- People who are 60 years or older

The **TCE program** offers **free** tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues.

For people comfortable using the internet and who do not need a person to help them, IRS provides two ways to prepare and file their federal income tax online for free:

- **Guided Tax Software** provides free online tax preparation and filing at an IRS partner site. Our partners deliver this service at no cost to qualifying taxpayers. Taxpayers whose **AGI** is **\$79,000 or less** qualify for a free federal tax return.
- **Free File Fillable Forms** are electronic federal tax forms, equivalent to a paper 1040 form. You should know how to prepare your own tax return using form instructions and IRS publications if needed. It provides a free option to taxpayers whose **income (AGI)** is **greater than \$79,000**.

For more information (in multiple languages) check <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers> or call 1-800-906-9887.

AARP – TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and virtual tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. There is **no AARP membership requirement**. AARP also offers **free self-preparation help**. To prepare your own taxes online, you can request help from a volunteer counselor to coach you through the process using your own computer while screen-sharing.

To locate a site near you, visit [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Sites locator](#) (Change the default location of Washington DC to 07901) or call 1-888-227-7669.

The AARP Tax help service is available **from February 6 to April 15, 2024**.

LOCAL SITES

IN-PERSON, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Provider	Dates	Language	Phone
Chatham Senior Community Center	Monday 9:30am – 1:00pm	English	973-635-4565
New Providence Senior Center	Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am 2:30 pm	English	908-665-0046
Springfield Free Public Library	Wednesday	English	973-376-4930
Maplewood Burgdorff Center	Monday & Wednesday 10am – 12pm	English	973-433-6369
South Orange Skate House	Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am – 12:15pm	English	973-762-0230
Livingston Community Senior Center	Monday & Thursday 9:30am – 2pm	English	973-535-7925
Elizabeth Public Library	Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm	English, Spanish	908-354-6060 x7212
Morristown Senior Center	Friday 9am – 1:30pm	English, Mandarin	973-292-6690
Scotch Plains Public Library	Monday & Friday 9:30 am – 3:00 pm	English	908-322-5007 x 200
Union Township Senior Center	Thursday 9:15a m – 1:15pm	English	908-851-5290
West Orange Public Library	Monday & Thursday 10am – 2pm	English	973-736-0198

