



## 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. In addition, if you know the exact name or the 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/>

### Federal Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers Offered by the IRS

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

- People who generally make \$67,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

The TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) 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.

VITA and TCE English speaking volunteers will be available by appointment at the Library of the Chathams from February 5 to April 9, 2025. Please call in advance at 973-635-0603.

**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. This service is provided at no cost to qualifying taxpayers whose **AGI is \$84,000 or less**. This service is available in English and Spanish.
- **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 for any income taxpayers**.

For more information (in multiple languages) please visit the IRS site at

<https://www.irs.gov/filing/irs-free-file-do-your-taxes-for-free>

## 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 [https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations/](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations/)

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	Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 am 2:30 pm	English	908-665-0046
Springfield Free Public Library	Wednesday 9:30am – 2:00pm	English	973-376-4930
Maplewood Burgdorff Center	Monday & Wednesday 9:30am – 12:00pm	English	973-433-6369
South Orange Baird Community Center	Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am – 12:15pm	English	973-378-7754
Livingston Community Senior Center	Monday & Thursday 9:30am – 2:00pm	English	973-535-7925
Morristown Senior Center	Friday 9:00am – 1:30pm	English	973-292-6690
Scotch Plains Public Library	Monday 9:30am–2:00 pm Friday 9:30am-3:00pm	English	908-322-5007
Union Senior Center	Thursday 9:15am – 1:15pm	English	908-851-5290
West Orange Public Library	Monday & Wednesday 10:00am – 2:00pm	English	973-736-0198