

Note: see your tax advisor for details.

* If you itemize your deductions, you can claim donations to charity. See IRS Publication 526 for detailed information on charitable contributions. Clear up the clutter in the closet or basement and donate your items that are in good condition. IRS Publication 561 has information on allowable deductions for property.

* Open or add to your Individual Retirement Account; you can make your 2016 contribution up until April 17, 2017, but the earlier you do so, the more interest you will earn.

* If you've had a significant life event in 2016, for example as a first-time homeowner, a birth, change in marital status, retirement or other major change, it may have a tax impact. Visit irs.gov for a list of helpful resources.

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