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Information you should know if you have donated to the Haitian Relief efforts

If you were generous enough to make a donation towards the Haitian Relief efforts, you may be eligible to take the deduction on your **2009** income tax return. The following excerpt was taken directly from a recent IRS news release:

"People who give to charities providing earthquake relief in Haiti can claim these donations on the tax return they are completing this season, according to the [Internal Revenue Service](#). Taxpayers who itemize deductions on their 2009 return qualify for this special tax relief provision, enacted Jan. 22. **Only cash** contributions made to these charities after Jan. 11, 2010, and before March 1, 2010, are eligible. This includes contributions made by text message, check, credit card or debit card. The new law only applies to cash (as opposed to property) contributions. The contributions must be made specifically for the relief of victims in areas affected by the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. Taxpayers have the option of deducting these contributions on either their 2009 or 2010 returns, but not both."

As each situation is unique, please make sure to consult your tax advisor to ensure that you receive the appropriate tax advice.

Monthly Tax Tip



Florida Business Renewal

If you have a business that was formed in the State of Florida, you will need to file the annual renewal to stay in good standing. The State has begun using e-mail for renewal notifications. If you have not received such notification, you can go directly to the [Division of Corporations](#) and file on-line. You will need your Florida Document Number and a credit to pay the annual filing fee. The renewal is due by May 1st or substantial late fees may be assessed.

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