

TAX TIPS

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CHECK YOUR 1099s...

Your 1099s require special attention this year. Your **tax exempt interest** is now included on your 1099 INT and your **tax exempt dividends** from mutual funds should be on your 1099DIV. In addition, brokerage firms often send out initial - and then revised - tax statements.


Your **1099B** will show the gross proceeds of your stock or mutual fund sale. Even if you transferred from one fund to another (or if you changed funds for your children), it is still considered a sale in the eyes of the IRS. You must figure out the cost basis of the purchase; **this may be shown in Box 3 but may or may not be correct!**. This requires some (or all) of the following:

- Date and Cost at purchase
- Dividend reinvestments if any
- Fair market value at date of death for inherited investments.
- Additional purchases (or prior sales)

The IRS will now be tracking cost basis shown on 1099Bs and comparing it to what is shown on your tax return.

STRAUSS TAX SERVICE can check all your 1099s. We will prepare your 2013 tax return, answer your many questions for 2014 and save you money. We are located at **624 62nd Street, Downers Grove** and are open from **9 AM - 9 PM daily**.

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