

# Tanglewood Times

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*It's that time again*

## Top "Tax Time Tips" from the IRS, plus a new phone app

*Excerpted from IRS.gov*

The income tax filing season has begun and important tax documents should be arriving in the mail. Even though your return is not due until April, getting an early start will make filing easier. Here are the Internal Revenue Service's top 10 tips that will help your tax filing process run smoother than ever this year.

1. Start gathering your records. Round up any documents or forms you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks and other documents that support income or deductions you're claiming on your return.

2. Be on the lookout for W-2s and 1099s coming in the mail.

3. Use Free File, available exclusively at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Everyone can find an option to prepare their tax return and e-file it for free.

4. Try IRS e-file Starting in 2011, many tax preparers will be required to use e-file and will explain your filing options to you. If you owe taxes, you have payment options to file immediately and pay by the tax deadline. Combine e-file with direct deposit and you get your refund in as few as 10 days.



5. Consider other filing options - there are many.

You can prepare it yourself or go to a tax preparer. You may be eligible for free face-to-face help at an IRS office or volunteer site. Weigh all the different options and find the one that best suits your needs.

6. Consider Direct Deposit. If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than waiting for a paper check.

7. Visit the IRS website again and again for everything you'll need to file your tax return: forms, publications, tips, answers to frequently asked questions and updates on tax law changes.

8. Remember this number: 17. Check out *IRS Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax* on the IRS website. It's a comprehensive collection of information for taxpayers highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return. *continued, page 2*

## Holiday decoration reminder

Many Tanglewood residents enjoy both decorating their own homes and viewing others' holiday decorations throughout the year. Please remember that once the holiday is over, decorations need

to be removed and put away promptly. It's not nearly as much fun as putting them up, but it shows that you are a proud homeowner.



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[www.krimelabb.com](http://www.krimelabb.com)  
(Austin city wide crime data)  
[www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com)

The APD Neighborhood  
Watch training program  
began in January.

The three class session is held  
on the second Tuesday of  
each month. Call Officer  
Joshua Visi at 974-4260 for  
more information.

## Protect your trees and property values from Oak Wilt

Oak Wilt has, unfortunately, been detected in the Austin area. The TFLD, through our landscape vendor, continues to take every safeguard to control such an outbreak in the parks and common areas; however, we must all work together to keep this aggressive disease at bay. Trees not only provide shade to our properties, but they provide beauty and value to our neighborhood.

If you have discovered that any of your trees have Oak Wilt, please contact the Austin branch of the Texas Forest Service at (512) 339-4118 or Texas Forest Services Headquarters at (979) 458-6650. You can also contact them via email: [texasstateforester@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:texasstateforester@tfs.tamu.edu). For more information on Oak Wilt, please visit [www.texasoakwilt.org](http://www.texasoakwilt.org).

Protect the value of your property by learning about Oak Wilt, and become aware of the ways to detect, correct and

stop the spread of this terrible blight. The following tips are recommended by the Texas Forest Service. Prevention is the key!

Remember:

- Do NOT prune oaks from February through June. This is the Oak Wilt carrier beetle's peak season.
- Immediately paint cuts or wounds on oaks, regardless of season, to help prevent the bark beetle from spreading the disease through the pruned surface of a tree. It is strongly recommended that you employ only certified arborists to prune your valuable oaks.



## Tax tips, *continued from first page*

9. Review! Review! Review! Don't rush. We all make mistakes when we rush. Mistakes will slow down the processing of your return. Be sure to double-check all the Social Security Numbers and math calculations on your return as these are the most common errors made by taxpayers.

10. Don't panic! If you run into a problem, remember the IRS is here to help.

Try <http://www.irs.gov> or call toll-free at 800-829-1040.

The Internal Revenue Service recently unveiled IRS2Go, its first smartphone application that lets taxpayers check on their status of their tax refund and obtain helpful tax information. The free app can be downloaded at the Apple App store and the Android Marketplace.

## Show your South Austin style with style



Sometimes we're known to be a little quirky in South Austin but that doesn't mean we don't have pride in our neighborhood. One thing that brings out the beauty of your house is to tuck away your trash and recycling bins behind the fence or in the garage. You can also buy inexpensive screens at home improvement stores to disguise your cans in plain sight.

Please make an effort to put away your trash cans and recycling bins as soon as possible after the trash pick up.

## Old, unused electronics filling up your home?



Make use of these tips from [www.electronicstakeback.com/how-to-recycle-electronics/](http://www.electronicstakeback.com/how-to-recycle-electronics/) to safely and appropriately rid your home of unused electronic equipment:

1. Don't throw old electronics in the trash! Toxins in these items do not belong in landfills.

2. Donate for reuse, if possible. Organizations such as Goodwill will accept donations and can sometimes fix up old equipment, or sell it at low cost to those who can fix it or use its parts or components for something else.

3. Find a responsible recycler, or E-steward, who won't just dump the items. Visit <http://e-stewards.org>.

4. Take advantage of free recycling programs. Texas state law requires all computer manufacturers to provide convenient, no cost recycling. Some even offer a trade-in value or money back. Visit [texasrecyclescomputers.org](http://texasrecyclescomputers.org) to find a program.

5. Several retailers, such as Best Buy and Staples, also accept electronics for recycling. To recycle an old TV, visit [texastakeback.org](http://texastakeback.org).

6. Recycle old cell phones by mailing them in to a variety of places, including charities. Check with your carrier or the store you purchased your phone from to see if they offer this service.

## Collect Box Tops to help our local schools

If you do not have children in elementary school, you may not be aware of a simple thing you can do to earn funds for the school--without buying anything more than you normally do.

You have probably noticed the Box Tops for Education seal on the packages of many items you regularly buy. For each one of those Box Tops submitted, the school receives \$0.10. That can add up quickly!

Box Tops can be found on many products, including:

- Betty Crocker Mixes and frostings
- Bisquick
- Many varieties of cereals
- Some Green Giant vegetables
- Hamburger Helper
- Progresso Soups
- Pillsbury refrigerated products
- Land-O-Lakes butters and cheeses
- Yoplait yogurt products

- Nature Valley granola bars
- Fruit-flavored snacks
- Welch's jellies, jams, and spreads
- Avery office supplies
- Ziploc bags
- Kleenex tissues
- Scott paper products
- Hefty products
- Brita water filtration products
- ...and a whole lot more!



Please consider clipping and collecting Box Tops whenever you see them and donating them to Kocurek Elementary. You can drop them off in the school office or give them to a neighbor. A few minutes of your time could make a huge difference for our children.

### This month's regular Board Meeting

will be February 21 at  
6:00 p.m. at the  
Tanglewood Poolhouse,  
9809 Curlew Drive.

The next meetings will be  
March 21 and April 18 at  
6:00 p.m. at the office of  
Armbrust & Brown,  
100 Congress Avenue  
Ste. 1300.

For more information, see  
[tanglewoodforesttexas.com](http://tanglewoodforesttexas.com).

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## *Keep Austin Beautiful with a Clean Sweep*

For 26 years Keep Austin Beautiful has kept our city clean and beautiful. Join thousands of volunteers for Clean Sweep to make Austin litter free. We can organize an event right here in Tanglewood!

CLEAN SWEEP 2011 IS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH  
Plan now to help clean up the city and then party afterward!  
For lots more information, visit [www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org)



Por 26 años, Keep Austin Beautiful a mantenidos a nuestra ciudad limpia y hermosa. Acompañe a los miles de voluntarios en Clean Sweep que hara que nuestra ciudad este libre de basura.

**Clean sweep sera el sabado, 9 de abril del 2011.** Haga planes para ayudar con la limpieza de la ciudad y una celebracion despues. Para mas informacion visite [www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org)

## *Contact Info*

Neighborhood website:  
[www.tanglewoodforettexas.com](http://www.tanglewoodforettexas.com)

Please contact Pinnacle Texas via email or online web form for questions regarding landscaping, graffiti, park and pool issues, etc.

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[www.pinnacletexas.com](http://www.pinnacletexas.com)

### Schools

**Kocurek Elementary**  
512-414-2547  
**Bailey Middle School**  
512-414-4990  
**Akins High School**  
512-841-9900  
[www.austinisd.org](http://www.austinisd.org)