

Ed O'Neill's 2024 Annual Newsletter

Reminder: We moved down the hall to Suite 316

Important Notice:

The IRS will <u>NEVER</u> call, text, or email you. Should you receive a letter via the US mail, simply upload it to the portal or scan it and e-mail to us.

Please note: Documents will <u>NOT</u> be returned at the end of the season.

Kindly upload clear copies of all tax documents to the portal or email them to us in one .pdf.

Thank you.

It's Tax Season again! We hope to find you and your family safe and healthy this tax season. Please note our <u>website</u> has been updated with a wealth of additional information, including links to the <u>SecureFileProPortal</u>, <u>IRS</u>, and state agencies.

We will make every effort to honor a request to review your tax return with Ed O'Neill once we receive <u>all</u> documents. Appointments for Zoom or Teleconference will be honored by request. Please see our <u>Office Policy</u> in this newsletter for details.

Our SecureFilePro Portal Family is growing. Thank you to all who are enjoying the secure, quick and simple use of the SecureFilePro Portal.

Due to security reasons, documents will be returned though our SecureFilePro Portal. Kindly contact us for portal access by simply calling Ed O'Neill Ltd at 516.935.7771 or email us at Office@EdONeillTaxes.info to request your SecureFilePro Link access.

Kindly note:

- ❖ Documents will <u>NOT</u> be returned at the end of the season. Please do <u>NOT</u> send originals. Keep them for your records. Kindly upload all clear, legible tax documents to the portal or email them.
- ❖ Clearly scan and upload all documents to one .pdf, if possible. The SecureFilePro Portal is the most efficient and safest method to process your Tax Documents.
- ❖ All Direct Deposit information must be confirmed with a voided check each year.
- ❖ Please do **NOT** fax State IDs such as driver's licenses. The poor quality makes it illegible to process.
- Please do NOT submit receipts. Keep all receipts for your records. Simply submit a grand total of your expenses.
- ❖ Please do **NOT** cut or staple documents, this will delay the process.
- ❖ If leaving a message on our voicemail, please *clearly* state your name and telephone number.
- ❖ Tax Return will NOT be emailed.

Reminders:

	Please visit our website at $\underline{\text{www.edoneilltaxes.com}}$ for a full $\underline{\text{checklist of documents}}$ required to process your tax return and $\underline{\text{sample documents}}$.					
	Where possible, kindly scan all documents to one .pdf.					
	Once your tax returns are complete - All E-file Signature pages signed and returned to us with payment (we accept most major credit cards) - our office will then E-file your tax returns with the IRS and State (if needed). Please note you are responsible to pay the IRS or state if monies are owed.					
We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding during tax season.						
W	e value your business. Thank you for your confidence in Ed O'Neill Ltd.					
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2024 Tax Year

Dos and Don'ts Tips to Preparing Your Taxes

Please note: Documents will NOT be returned at the end of the season.

Kindly upload all tax documents to one .pdf to the portal or email them to Office@EdONeillTaxes.info.

- ☑ Do submit <u>all</u> information needed to complete your tax return by <u>SecureFilePro portal</u>, e-mail, mail-in, fax, or drop-off at the same time. Omission of pertinent information may cause delays in processing or an incomplete tax filing. It may also result in refund delay and/or IRS or state audit. Please see our website at <u>www.EdONeillTaxes.com</u> for a checklist of required documents and sample documents.
- ☑ Do provide a valid, current, clear and legible copy of <u>State Issued Identification</u> (such as a state issued driver's license-both *front and back*) for Taxpayer and Spouse (if applicable). Driver's license is required <u>every year</u>. A copy of the NYS Driver's license requirement policy is attached to this newsletter.



- Do NOT fax your state issued identification as the poor quality makes it illegible to process.
- **Do NOT** send originals; Keep them for your records. Clear photocopies are acceptable.

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- ☑ Do submit Form 1098T, tuition bills or a transcript from the Bursar's Office to qualify for the college tuition credit.
- ☑ Do submit a voided check, *required each year*, for you to receive a refund directly deposited in a specified account.
- Do complete and sign the pertinent documents in this newsletter and submit them with **all** your tax documents. We must receive the <u>signed Letter of Engagement</u> and <u>completed Client Information Form</u> and all tax documents, including a clear copy of the front and back or all taxpayer's driver's licenses and voided check in order for us to prepare your tax return or visit our website at <u>www.edoneilltaxes.com</u> to download the required documents.
- ☑ Do advise us of any change of address, any change in marital status (Single, Newlywed, Separation, Widow or Divorce), any change of dependents (New Baby or a Child claiming themselves). If you had a baby in 2024, Congratulations! Please submit the child's name, social security number and date of birth.



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- **Do NOT** submit receipts. Keep all receipts for your records.
- ☑ Do submit a grand total of your expenses.
- ☑ Do feel free to provide clear and legible *copies*. Originals will **NOT** be returned.
- ☑ Do clear your voicemail box so that we may leave a message, if necessary.
- ☑ Do clearly state your name and phone number when leaving a message.
- ☑ Do scan to one .PDF, if possible, when uploading documents to the portal or emailing.
- ☑ Do feel free to visit our website www.edoneilltaxes.com. It provides a wealth of information. Thank you.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance. Thank you.

Many happy returns,



Ed O'Neill Ltd.







Client Information Sheet 2024 Tax Year

Please help us better serve you. Kindly complete and submit with all your tax documents. Thank you.

Name(s) on Tax Return	Spo	use				
Street Address			Ap	t #		
City, State, Zip						
Daytime Phone	_Spouse Daytime Pho	ne				
Evening Phone	_Spouse Evening Pho	ne				
Cell Phone	_Spouse Cell Phone_					
Date of Birth	_Spouse's Date of Birt	th				
Occupation	_Spouse's Occupation	1				
Email Address	_Spouse's Email Addr	ess				
Have you moved in the last year?			NO	YES		
Are there any new dependents?			NO	YES		
Are there any dependents you are no longer clain		Prim		YES Spous	se	
Did you collect NYS unemployment in 2024?		. NO	YES	NO	YES	
Have you traded any cyber currencies?		. NO	YES	NO	YES	
Have you (or an entity of which you are an owner) been convicted of an offense, defined in New York State Penal Law Article 200 or 496, or section 195.20? (REQUIRED FOR NY IT-201/203-ATT FILERS)						
Would you be interested in being contacted by or Ed O'Neill Jr. regarding a post-tax season finance		.NO	YES			
How would you like your tax return sent to you w (Please call or email and request a SecureFile	•	rtal onl	y			
Would you like a review session after your tax re If yes, please indicate me				onferen	ce	

Kindly complete and submit this document with a copy of a voided check, clear copy of the front and back of your driver's license and your spouse's driver's license along with the Letter of Engagement

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CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF TAX RETURN INFORMATION

I would like to thank you for your trust in me as your Accountant. The relationship we have built is truly appreciated. Helping you navigate the complexities of the tax code and keep more of the money you have earned is incredibly rewarding. But there may be more we can plan together.

As you may know, I have over 20 years of experience in multi-generational wealth management helping families develop sound retirement strategies and achieve financial well-being in all stages of their lives. Whether you are in retirement or preparing for retirement, seeking education, financial planning or looking for investment advice, I can help identify your needs to help you achieve your goals and dreams. I am an independent financial advisor with Cetera Financial Specialists LLC.

What sets me apart from most financial advisors is my extensive expertise as a tax professional. I would like to meet with you to discuss potential tax strategies that can reduce your tax liability and enhance your overall financial position. Please call 516-935-7771 to schedule a meeting.

Federal law requires this consent form to be provided to you. Unless authorized by law, we cannot disclose your tax return information to third parties for purposes other than the preparation and filing of your tax return without your consent. If you consent to the disclosure of your tax return information, Federal law may not protect your tax return information from further use or distribution.

You are not required to complete this form to engage our tax return preparation services. If we obtain your signature on this form by conditioning our tax return preparation services on your consent, your consent will not be valid. If you agree to the disclosure of your tax return information, your consent is valid for the amount of time that you specify. If you do not specify the duration of your consent, your consent is valid for one year from the date of signature.

If you would like Ed O'Neill Ltd. to disclose your tax return information to EON Wealth Management, please check the corresponding box for the service in which you are interested, provide the information requested and sign and date your consent to disclosure of your tax return information.

I authorize Ed O'Neill Ltd. to disclose to EON Wealth Management that portion of my tax return information for 2024 and future tax returns that is necessary for EON Wealth Management to contact me.

If you approve use of your tax returnyears, please sign below.	information by Ed O'Neill Ltd. for a term of one year or (duration of conser	t)
Taxpayer Signature	Spouse's Signature	
Print name(s):	Date:	
•	ion has been disclosed or used improperly in a manner unauthorized by law	

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1-800-366-4484, or by email at complaints@tigta.treas.gov.





2024 PERSONAL LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

Dear Client:

Thank you for choosing Ed O'Neill Ltd. to assist you with your 2024 taxes. This letter confirms the terms of our engagement with you and outlines the nature and extent of the services we will provide.

We will prepare your 2024 federal and state income tax returns. You "the client" must provide the information needed to prepare complete and accurate returns. We may ask you to clarify some items but will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit. An Organizer will be provided, if needed, to help you collect the data required for your return. Please notify us if an Organizer is needed, and we will promptly upload it to your portal.

We will perform accounting services only as needed to prepare your tax returns. Our work will not include procedures to find defalcations or other irregularities. Accordingly, our engagement should not be relied upon to disclose errors, fraud, or other illegal acts, though it may be necessary for you to clarify some of the information you submit. We will inform you of any material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts we discover.

The law imposes penalties when taxpayers underestimate their tax liability. Please call us if you have concerns about such penalties.

Should we encounter instances of unclear tax law, or of potential conflicts in the interpretation of the law, we will outline the reasonable courses of action and the risks and consequences of each. We will ultimately adopt, on your behalf, the alternative you select.

Our fee will be based on the forms required at standard billing rates plus out-of-pocket expenses. Invoices are due and payable upon presentation. To the extent permitted by state law, an interest charge may be added to all accounts not paid within thirty (30) days.

You should secure your tax records, along with all supporting documents, canceled checks, etc., as these items may later be needed to prove accuracy and completeness of a return. We will retain copies of your tax returns for four years, after which these documents will be destroyed.

Our engagement to prepare your 2024 tax returns will conclude with the delivery of the completed returns to you (if paper filing) or your signing, and the subsequent submittal, of your tax return (if e-filing). If you have not selected to e-file your returns with our office, you will be solely responsible for filing the returns with the appropriate taxing authorities. Review all tax-return documents carefully before signing them.

To affirm that this letter correctly summarizes your understanding of the arrangements for this work, please print and sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space indicated and return it to us.

We appreciate your confidence in us. Please call if you have questions. Sincerely,

Ed Edward O'Neill

(Both spouses must sign for preparation of joint returns.)

Taxpayer Signature X	Spouse's Signature X		
Please Print Name(s) on Tax Return	Date		



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Office Policy

Welcome:

Ed O'Neill Taxes Ltd appointment process is as follows:

- Phone appointments are always available.
- Virtual appointments through zoom are available.
- In-Person appointments are limited. We will make every effort to accommodate your request once all tax documents have been received and processed.

Please submit <u>all</u> tax documents using one of our convenient methods:



<u>SecureFilePro Portal</u> – If you need an account, simply call us at 516.935.7771 or email us at <u>Office@EdONeillTaxes.info</u> requesting access and we will email you a link for you to establish an account. Kindly scan all documents to one (1) .pdf, if possible, when uploading.



Email – Office@edoneilltaxes.info -- Kindly scan all documents to one (1) .pdf.



United States Postal Service – Please remove documents from envelopes. Do not cut or staple documents. No need to submit original documents. Keep them for your records. Clear photocopies are acceptable.



UPS – Please remove documents from envelopes. Do not cut or staple documents. No need to submit original documents. Keep them for your records. Clear photocopies are acceptable.

Federal Express – Please remove documents from envelopes. Do not cut or staple documents. No need to submit original documents. Keep them for your records. Clear photocopies are acceptable.



Fax – 516.822.6704 (Please do not fax State IDs such as driver's licenses. The poor quality makes it illegible to process). Feel free to use one of our other document submissions methods.

As a matter of courtesy and precaution, please do not come to the office for any reason if you have a cough, fever, cold or any flu-like symptoms. We will make every effort to ensure your taxes are prepared in a timely manner.

We look forward to serving you and hope this tax season brings you good health and happen returns.

Sincerely,



Office of Ed O'Neill Ltd.



Department of Taxation and Finance - https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/individual-driver-license.htm

Driver license requirement for taxpayers

If you use software to prepare your (and your spouse's, if applicable) personal income tax return, New York State requires you to include your driver license or non-driver ID information on the return. This applies to both you and your spouse. You must enter the information each tax year as New York State does not allow the retention of driver license information by tax preparation software.

This requirement applies to driver licenses or non-driver IDs from **any** state.

You must provide the following information from your (and your spouse's, if applicable) driver license or non-driver ID:

- the driver license or non-driver ID number.
- the issuing state.
- the issue date.
- the expiration date: and
- the first three characters of the document number (for New York State-issued licenses and non-driver IDs only).

If you or your spouse do not have a driver's license or non-driver ID, you can indicate that within the software to fulfill this requirement.

IDs and documents

What we accept

We accept information from your most recent driver's license or non-driver ID. Whether your ID is active or expired, we will accept the return.

How to locate the ID and document number

The document numbers for New York State driver licenses and non-driver IDs consist of either 8 or 10 alphanumeric characters (we only require the first three characters).

To view the standard placement of the ID number and document number on New York State-issued licenses and IDs, visit the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at Sample Photo Documents.

Why we want this information

We will use the driver license and non-driver ID information as verification to protect you from fraud and identity theft.

Extensions

If you do not have your information when you file your extension, you may check the Did not provide ID box. However, when you subsequently e-file your return, you must include your driver license or non-driver ID information.

Compliance

New York States requires you to provide this information for you and your spouse (if applicable).

If you don't include your ID information

We use your ID information to help validate your identity; if we can't validate you, your refund may be delayed.

If you have an out-of-state ID

As long as you are providing a valid out-of-state ID, you should not experience any processing delay related to your ID.



Address and Directions

Directions to Ed O'Neill's Office

1400 Old Country Road Suite **316** Westbury, NY 11590 516.935.7771

When using GPS please use Carmen Avenue Extension

<u>From the Northern State Parkway</u> - Northern State to the Wantagh Parkway South to exit W2 West (Old Country Road). At the 2nd traffic light make a left turn (Carmen Avenue Extension). Make 1st left turn into the first parking lot entrance.

From the Southern State Parkway - Southern State to the Wantagh Parkway North to exit W2 West (Old Country Road). Stay right on the exit ramp. Merge onto Old Country Road. At the 2nd traffic light make a left turn (Carmen Avenue Extension). Make 1st left turn into the first parking lot entrance.



