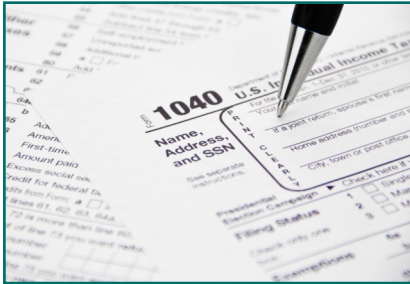


VITA tax prep offers FREE tax filing:

- IRS-trained and certified VITA volunteers will prepare and e-file your federal and VT state tax returns at absolutely no charge.
- The IRS provides the software VITA volunteers use to ensure accuracy and that you receive all the credits and refunds you're entitled to.
- You will get your refund just as quickly as you would from tax services that charge a fee.
- VITA provides e-filing and direct deposit (IRS will no longer issue paper checks)



Only need to file a Rent Credit or Homestead Declaration? No problem.

- We file **VT Renter Credits** (no Landlord Certificate needed)
- We file annual **Home Declarations** and **Property Tax Adjustment Claims**



You may qualify for:

- Earned Income Credit (EIC)
- Child Tax Credit (CTC)
- Retirement Credit
- Education or Energy Credits
- Vermont Renter Credit
- Vermont Property Tax Adjustment



NOTE: The VT Homestead Declaration is required to be filed every year!

Our VITA volunteers will be sure you receive all the credits you qualify for!

To make the most of your refund, ask us to prepare Form 8888 so you can “save some, spend some”.

That way you can have your refund electronically deposited into two of your bank accounts, such as dividing it between a savings account and a checking account.

For tax appointment / information:

Call the Tax Line: 802-477-5148

Website: www.capstonevt.org

Email: cedinfo@capstonevt.org

Capstone offers many services and programs for low-to-moderate income people throughout central Vermont, such as a food pantry, Head Start (early child education), home weatherization, business counseling, housing assistance, and personal financial coaching.

For more information about these services, please call the Capstone reception desk at 802-479-1053.



FREE TAX PREP!

Tax Season 2026 Information

(for 2025 tax returns)

Capstone's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

- Federal & State Income Taxes
- Renter Credit
- Homestead Declaration
- Property Tax Adjustment

You're eligible for VITA services if your annual household income is \$69,000 or less.

Reasons to file:

- You had federal or state income tax withheld from job earnings/unemployment.
- You had tax withheld from retirement/other accounts.
- You were self-employed or a gig worker (File Schedule C).
- You want to claim refundable credits like the EIC or CTC.
- You want to apply for the Vermont Rent Credit.
- You own a home and want to apply for a reduction in your property taxes (Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment).
- You just want to find out if you're eligible for any credits or refunds.
- You had VT Health Connect.



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is an initiative of the IRS in partnership with Capstone Community Action, 20 Gable Place, Barre, VT 05641

Here's how Capstone's tax preparation service works:

- Call the phone number below for a tax appointment
- Come to the short in-person appointment with your ID and tax documents (*see list*)
- Come back to sign for e-file & pick up completed copies for your records

All locations are by appointment **only** and scheduled through our

VITA Tax Line:
Call 802-477-5148

Appointments begin in early February through early April. Appointment days and times vary by location. **You will choose the date, time, and site you prefer when you call.** Locations are:

- Barre at 20 Gable Place
- Morrisville at 250 Industrial Park Drive
- Randolph at 2 Prince St.
- Waitsfield at 4144 Main St. (Town Clerk office)

At your appointment, you'll fill out a couple forms and meet with a trained VITA tax volunteer. The VITA volunteer will review the tax documents you brought and temporarily retain them to prepare your return remotely.

Please bring all relevant tax information to your appointment.

See list →

What do I need to bring to my appointment?

- **Photo ID for adults**
- **Social Security Card for everyone on the return.**
- **All W-2** wage statements from jobs held last year; any W2-G lottery/gambling.
- **All 1099 forms** you receive: such as 1099-SSA, 1099-INT, 1099-R, 1099-NEC, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-G, 1099-K, 1099-C, 1099-MISC & others.
- If **self-employed**, all records of income and expenses.
- Any **1098** forms: i.e. tuition statements, student loan interest, mortgage interest.
- **1095-A** Health insurance form for anyone who was on VT Health Connect (or other Marketplace health insurance).
- Current **property tax bill**, if homeowner; plus name, SSN & income of any others who lived in household (if applicable)
- **Disability** benefit evidence if homeowner. (i.e. letter)
- **Child/dependent care** expenses, if applicable.
- **Bank routing & account numbers** & type, for direct deposit. (IRS now requires)
- **If in doubt, bring it!**