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One week left for tax amnesty; \$8.7 million collected so far

Rhode Island's tax amnesty program has entered its final week – all the more reason to file soon in order to avoid the last-minute rush, said Rhode Island Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan. "Any taxpayer wishing to take advantage of the benefits of our tax amnesty program should do so quickly," he said. "We're down to our final week. And we know from past amnesties that a surge of applications arrive in the final days. So it's best to apply and pay now in order to avoid the rush." The amnesty period ends at midnight Thursday, November 15, 2012.

Since it started September 2, 2012, the amnesty has generated \$8.67 million through 3,750 amnesty applications. Following are the top four sources of tax amnesty revenue to date:

Rhode Island's tax amnesty 2012	
Public service corporation tax	\$ 3,249,910
Personal income tax	\$ 2,553,538
Corporate tax	\$ 1,375,620
Sales and use tax	\$ 1,017,160
Figures through November 7, 2012, and include tax and interest paid.	

If you file the amnesty application, file your past-due returns, and pay your back taxes, the Tax Division will take a number of steps to reduce your overall burden. If your application is approved, the Tax Division will:

- waive penalties;
- reduce interest by 25 percent;
- agree not to pursue civil or criminal penalties; and
- agree not to block your license renewal.

The Tax Division has a special website – www.TaxAmnesty.ri.gov – which includes the tax amnesty application form, FAQs, and other information. Or e-mail: TaxAmnesty@tax.ri.gov. The program's call center at (401) 574-8650, and walk-in service at One Capitol Hill in Providence, are now open an extra 90 minutes at the end of each business day. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. business days. (Offices will be closed Monday for Veterans Day.)

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