



# 3 Ways to Turn Your Tax Refund into a Lasting Investment

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If you get a tax refund every April and find yourself broke again by May, you are not alone.

While having thousands of dollars at your disposal may feel good, simply spending that money could be a big mistake.

Instead of letting your tax return slip through your fingers, why not turn that governmental windfall into a lasting investment instead? Here are three smart ways NMS can help you turn your tax refund into an investment that will keep paying dividends year after year.

## Open an IRA

Why not use the money from your tax return to get an IRA started? You could qualify for a tax break, further increasing the value of your refund and helping you save for the future.

If you already have an IRA, you can use your tax return to beef up your savings and make your retirement more comfortable. The longer you have until retirement, the more your tax refund could grow over time.

## Improvements to Your Home

Using your tax refund to make improvements around your home could increase the value of the property and help you build wealth for the future.

Investing your tax refund in new energy-efficient appliances,



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can make your tax refund stretch even further. These more energy-efficient appliances can help you save money every month, which you can use to beef up your retirement savings or expand your emergency fund.

## Buy Dividend Stocks

Getting started may not take as much money as you think, but using your tax refund to set up a stock portfolio can pay dividends — literally. Investing in dividend stocks is a great way to diversify your portfolio, diversify your income and build future wealth.

For a few thousand dollars,

you can buy a mutual fund that invests in dividend-paying stocks from a variety of different industries. That diversification can enhance the value of your portfolio; you will be rewarded for your decision every time you cash your dividend check.

Turning your tax refund into a lasting investment is not hard. It just takes dedication and some research. You do not have to invest your entire refund check either. Just hold back a portion for a big splurge, then invest the rest for a more successful future.