

## Guide to filing your taxes if you pay Child Support

**DO NOT FILE RAPID REFUND IF YOU OWE A PAST DUE BALANCE**

Questions IRS [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

State [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov)

Will Child Support take my refund?	Yes, If you owe a combined balance on your cases of <b>\$150.00</b> due to the State or <b>\$500.00</b> due to the custodian	Yes, If you owe a combined balance on your cases of <b>\$150.00</b>
How can I stop child support from taking my refund?	Reduce your balance (on all cases combined) below <b>\$150.00</b> due to the State or <b>\$500.00</b> due to the custodian (four weeks prior to filing)	Pay your balances in full and remain current
What if I don't want my spouse's portion intercepted?	File an Injured Spouse Claim ( <b>form #8379</b> ) when filing your taxes	If you filed a <b>joint return</b> you will receive an <b>injured spouse claim</b> form with your offset letter from the State and you must submit the claim <b><u>within 21 days</u></b>
Who claims the child/ren?	This information may be in your decree or order if not contact the IRS (1-800-829-1954)	This information may be in your decree or order if not contact the ODT (1-800-282-1780)
Why is my tax refund being held at Child Support?	If you filed a joint return – funds will be held for 6 month from the date of collection or it may be held for pending court issues	It may be held for pending court issues
Is my Child Support income taxable?	No, but spousal support is taxable	No, but spousal support is taxable
How will my tax refund be split if I have more than one case?	After any arrearage owed the State is paid the remainder of the refund will be pro-rated to all case/orders submitted based on percentage of total arrears	The refund will be pro-rated to all cases/orders submitted based on percentage of total arrears
When will Child Support receive my refund?	Four to six weeks after you receive the tax offset notice	If you filed a <b>joint return</b> it will be six to eight weeks after you receive the tax offset notice  If you filed a <b>single return</b> it will be four to six weeks after you receive the tax offset notice
Can I let Clermont County Child Support keep the excess amount collected to be applied to other balances?	The non-custodian parent must contact Clermont County Child Support to obtain a Balance & Administrative Fee affidavit	The non-custodian parent must contact Clermont County Child Support to obtain a Balance & Administrative Fee affidavit