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Many Vermonters are eligible for thousands of dollars in tax credits -- that they're not claiming. Officials say about 25-percent of people do not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit at the state and federal level. It's targeted to help low income families. Any Vermont family filing a joint tax return - making less than 42-thousand dollars - is eligible for money back. Last year the average refund was thousands of dollars.

State Treasurer Jeb Spaulding: "It is a substantial benefit that many Vermonters are not aware of - and that's what we are trying to get the word out about."

State Senator Diane Snelling: "With everyone feeling the pressure of the economic downturn it's important we take advantage of any tax breaks that are rightfully available to us."

Even if you've missed the earned income tax credit in the past -- you can go back up to three years and claim your money. And low income Vermonters may also be eligible for free tax filing help. For a link to more information - go to our info center - [wcax.com](http://wcax.com).