

THE DAY OF RECKONING IS UPON US

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While it is too late for most taxpayers who owe Uncle Sam money to make any impactful changes, the following can help avoid this situation next year.

1. Estimate next year's tax liability now and determine if you are on pace to have enough money withheld from your paycheck. If not, visit your HR department to increase your withholdings.
2. If your circumstances change during the year, look at how this impacts your taxes and make adjustments.
3. If you are not contributing the maximum amount to your retirement plan, consider increasing your contribution.
4. If you are self-employed, make quarterly estimated tax payments which include both income taxes and the 15.3% for FICA and Medicare taxes.

A little planning now will avoid a big surprise in April 2017.