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## 8 Smart Things to do with Your Tax Refund

*Saving money is like eating healthy- it's not the most exciting thing, but it pays off in the long run. Here are 9 ideas on what to do with your tax refund.*



1. Create an emergency fund. Many Americans don't have adequate savings to cover the expenses in case of emergency or a sudden financial need.
2. Send it to savings. Your return is a perfect opportunity to stash some funds into your savings account.
3. Pay off debt. If you are carrying credit card debt, consider paying it down with your refund. Paying down those high interest credit cards saves money in the long run.

4. Fund your retirement. Use these funds to add or open a retirement fund.
5. Sees a college fund. If you have kids- you're well aware of the rising cost of education. Consider seeding or adding to your children's college fund.
6. Pre-pay your mortgage. For the home-owners out there, consider adding your refund to make additional payments.
7. Spend it on something you need. Car trouble? Need a new refrigerator? Some dental work? Use your refund to take care of something essential.
8. Spend it on something you want. Don't feel guilty to splurge a little. Perhaps a nice dinner or a short vacation. Use it to create memories and pamper you and your family.

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### THE WASHINGTON AUTO ACCIDENT GUIDE

An Insider's Guide To Auto Accident Claims In Washington





## How Do I Choose the Right Attorney?

It's a fact of life: Accidents and injuries do happen, and when they do, you need help.

Who should you turn to?

A Washington State licensed accident and injury attorney.

Remember this: the question is never, "Should I hire an attorney?" but, "Who is the right personal injury attorney for me?"

Here are steps to follow:

**Step 1: Proximity** – Ideally, you want to find a personal injury attorney who practices close to where you live or work, because it is definitely easier to work with a lawyer located nearby for meetings and for court appearances. Communication with your lawyer is important and in person is almost always better.

**Step 2: Experience** – This is probably the most important, because one who can explain the entire process, knows the adjusters and how the insurance company tends to deal with your type of case is a huge asset.

**Step 3: Enthusiasm** – Lawyers often work harder on cases they find interesting or have a better chance of greater monetary gain on the win. This matters because the end result and the entire process will be much more enjoyable if your attorney is enthusiastic about your case.

**Step 4: Case Management** – Communication is really important, so you'll want to know how your attorney will go about managing your case. And you. You will want to know who will handle negotiations and court appearances. Will the attorney be your day-to-day contact? Will other attorneys or legal staff in the firm or experts work on your case? What work will they do? You will want to know whether the attorney will provide progress reports. If so, how frequently and what methods will be used? You will want to know what the best way to reach the attorney is and how quickly the attorney responds to calls.

**Communication is important- you'll want to know how your attorney will manage your case. And you.**

**Step 5: Legal Philosophy & Style** – You want to make sure his approach to the law and his style of working with clients is comfortable for you. The most important thing to remember is: your attorney can't decide for you. This means your attorney should give you all the information so you can make an informed decision about your case. Again, communication is all important.

**Step 6: Reviews** – Reviews are important depending on their source and how you found your attorney. If a friend referred you who used him or her in a similar type accident, you're taking less a risk. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

However, if your case is far different from your friend's or you found the personal injury attorney on a website, look for previous client reviews online. Those reviews are far more valuable than endorsements from fellow lawyers, since those are often used by friends to promote each other's business. If multiple clients enjoyed their experience with the attorney who won their cases, you can feel more comfortable.

In conclusion, which personal injury attorney you hire can often make or break the success of your case. Do not take this decision lightly, look for options, compare and contrast those options. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Remember, personal injury attorneys want your business, so use that to your advantage when searching for your best fit.



**We are happy to discuss your situation with you. Give us a call at (253) 946-0577.**



### Here's what our clients are saying:

*"Customer service was excellent! Professional attitude, Mr. Ye was in no rush, he was very patient, nice and consistent. I had an impression that he genuinely wanted to help me, instead of trying to rush me into hiring him. I appreciate him."*

### We love reviews!

We are always grateful for the kind comments and reviews left by our clients.

If you would like to leave a review, you can do so by visiting us on Google maps!

## Recipe Spotlight of the month:

# KOREAN BBQ - LA GALBI (ribs)

### INGREDIENTS

(for 4-6 servings)

- 3.5 LB (1.5 kg) of LA style beef short ribs
- soy sauce
- water
- honey
- garlic
- onion
- ginger
- pear
- sesame oil
- sesame seeds
- black ground pepper
- soybean paste
- hot pepper paste
- green onions
- lettuce
- perilla leaves
- green chili pepper
- cucumber
- carrot

### DIRECTIONS

1. Trim excess fat from the short ribs and rinse a couple of times in cold water.
2. Soak the ribs in cold water for 10-20 minutes.

#### Make marinade:

1. In a large bowl, add 1/3 cup soy sauce, 1/3 cup water or cooking wine, ¼ cup honey (or 1/4 cup brown sugar), and 1 ts ground black pepper.
  2. Blend 1 Korean pear (about 2 cups' worth), 8 cloves of garlic, 1 medium onion, and 1 ts of chopped ginger until it turns into a white creamy liquid.
  3. Add it to your soy sauce base and add 2 tbs sesame oil.
- \*tip: If you can't find a Korean pear, use 2 ripe Bosc pears.*
4. Rinse the short ribs in fresh cold water a couple more times to remove any remaining bone fragments. Drain the water.
  5. Add the ribs to the marinade and mix it well, by hand.
  6. Keep it in the refrigerator for at least an hour. Overnight is best.

#### Make ssamjang dipping sauce:

1. Mix these 2 tbs soybean paste, 1 tbs of hot pepper paste, 1 stalk of chopped green onion, 1 clove of minced garlic, 1 ts honey, 1 ts of sesame oil, and 1 ts sesame seeds in a small bowl with a spoon.

#### Prepare vegetables:

1. Rinse and drain lettuce and perilla leaves. Put them on a plate or basket.
2. Cut a cucumber into strips 3½ inch to 4 inches in length and ½ inch thick
3. Chop green chili peppers and slice a few cloves of raw garlic and put them next to green lettuce and perilla leaves.

#### Let's cook and eat!

1. Grill, pan fry, or BBQ the ribs. We recommend BBQ. The LA style cut is thin, so they're cooked much faster than usual ribs. It takes only about 5 minutes!
2. When both sides are cooked, put them on a serving plate. Cut the meat part off the bone with scissors into bite-sized pieces.
3. Put a piece of meat on top of a lettuce leaf and a perilla leaf. Add dipping sauce, garlic, and a piece of green chili pepper. Fold it over into a small package, and pop it into your mouth in one bite!



## Top April Fool's Day Pranks in History

At some point in time, each of us probably either pulled an April Fool's Day prank or were the victim of one. These types of pranks are nothing new. In fact, the website Museum of Hoaxes put together a top 100 list of best pranks throughout history. We thought it'd be fun to share a few of them here. Enjoy!

### The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

April 1, 1957: The respected BBC news show Panorama announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." Even the director-general of the BBC later admitted that after seeing the show he checked in an encyclopedia to find out if that was how spaghetti actually grew (but the encyclopedia had no information on the topic). The broadcast remains, by far, the most popular and widely acclaimed April Fool's Day hoax ever, making it an easy pick for number one.

### The Eruption of Mount Edgecumbe

April 1, 1974: The residents of Sitka, Alaska woke to a disturbing sight. Clouds of black smoke were rising from the crater of Mount Edgecumbe, the long-dormant volcano neighboring them. People spilled out of their homes onto the streets to gaze up at the volcano, terrified that it was active again and might soon erupt. Luckily it turned out that man, not nature, was responsible for the smoke. A local practical joker named Porky Bickar had flown hundreds of old tires into the volcano's crater and then lit them on fire, all in a (successful) attempt to fool the city dwellers into believing that the volcano was stirring to life. According to local legend, when Mount St. Helens erupted six years later, a Sitka resident wrote to Bickar to tell him, "This time you've gone too far!"



### The Taco Liberty Bell

April 1, 1996: The Taco Bell Corporation took out a full-page ad that appeared in six major newspapers announcing it had bought the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell was housed to express their anger. Their nerves were only calmed when Taco Bell revealed, a few hours later, that it was all a practical joke. The best line of the day came when White House press secretary Mike McCurry was asked about the sale. Thinking on his feet, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold. It would now be known, he said, as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.



TACO BELL BUYS THE LIBERTY BELL



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## It's Our Anniversary

*Chong Ye*

April is a very special month for us here at The Ye Law Firm. On April 1, 2012, I officially opened a small office inside the Chamber of Commerce Building in Federal Way. Previously, I was subleasing a small office space in Bellevue from another lawyer and I was the receptionist, the paralegal, and the lawyer.

Additionally, with the move, I was able to hire full-time staff. I was no longer running around making coffees for clients, making copies, or licking stamps. Don't get me wrong, to this date, I reminisce about those earlier days and I am thankful that The Ye Law Firm has grown from its humble beginning to become a household name in the Korean community and now the name is being recognized outside of the Korean community as well. Less than a year and a half after we initially opened the Federal Way office, the firm grew to a size where we had to move to a much bigger space within the same building and hired more employees. The Ye Law Firm started out as a one-man show. Now, The Ye Law Firm employees two attorneys, two paralegals, and a legal assistant. Additionally, we have satellite offices in Bellevue and Everett.



Together the staff at The Ye Law Firm form one heck of a legal team. I appreciate my staff because each one takes ownership of their work and everyone wants to see the law firm succeed. That's what distinguishes us from other law firms. We don't care about individual merits instead we care about the success of the team. We don't have employees who want to jump ship at the next great career opportunity. One of my paralegals has been with me since 2012. Now and then, I read an e-mail from my lawyer friends, who announces a new job opening because a lawyer/staff who has been working for 20 plus years is retiring. I hope that all the attorneys in the office and my staff will stay with me until they decide to retire.

One of the paralegals mentioned she appreciate that our law firm fosters a healthy environment between employees unlike some of the other law firms she's worked before. So, as we celebrate seven years of being a Federal Way Personal Injury Law Firm, we want to thank you for allowing us to grow so rapidly and for entrusting us with your injury cases. We will continue to remember our humble beginning and let that serve as our basis to continue to work diligently for our clients and give each of our clients the individualized attention you so deserve.

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