



# From the desk of Randy...

### Five easy ways to spot suspicious IRS calls



The Internal Revenue Service issued a consumer alert last year providing taxpayers with additional tips to protect themselves from telephone scam artists calling and pretending to be with the IRS.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification

badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

#### The IRS will never:

- 1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will they call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- 2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- 3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- 4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- 5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

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If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1.800.366.4484 or at www.tigta.gov
- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant, choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use unsolicited email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

Source: IRS.gov website

### **COWBOY CHILI FOR TWO**

1 pouch (20 oz.) Progresso Smokehouse

Pork & Beef Chili with Beans

1/4 cup Shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 cup Corn chips

1/2 cup Crumbled cooked bacon



- Heat chili as directed on pouch; divide between 2 bowls.
- Sprinkle each bowl with half of the remaining ingredients.

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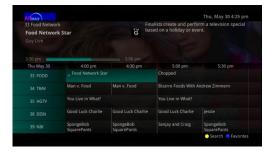
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## **Changing the Number of Rows and Columns on Your Channel Guide**

By default, the guide will display four rows and four columns of programming information. Depending upon the size of TV you are viewing and your preferences, you may want to show more or fewer columns and rows.

1. Here is a view of the default guide which has four rows and four columns.



- 2. The settings are changed by accessing Main Menu | Settings | Guide. Arrow down to change the Number of Rows and the Number of Columns.
- 3. Here is a view of the guide with three rows and three columns.

Fri, May 31 10:00 am

33 food Network
Good Eats
Turns. Surprise!

10:00 am

Fri May 31

10:00 am

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The Unsellables

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