

HERRICK, LTD.

Certified Public Accountants

Client Name: _____

WHAT'S NEW IN VERMONT - 2005

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ITEMS IN ITALICS AND RETURN TO US

ACT 68 SITUATION

As in the prior year, all homeowners must file HS-131 Declaration of Vermont Homestead. Although the form is included in the tax booklet, it **IS NOT** part of your tax return. It must be completed and submitted to Vermont as soon as possible, either by using the paper form or competing it on-line. Declarations are due April 18, 2006. The last time to file a late declaration is July 15, 2006. If the form is not returned by the due date, your 2006 statewide school property tax will be calculated at the higher non-resident rate. Please send us a photocopy of the form once you have submitted it to Vermont.

As in prior years, year 2005 property taxes will not be reconciled as part of your tax return. If your 2005 adjusted gross income is under \$100,000, we will include, as part of your Vermont tax return, a year 2006 property tax rebate request. Later in 2006, the Tax Department will determine how much rebate to send, if any.

SALES TAX (USE TAX)

Unless you advise us to the contrary, we will calculate the standard Vermont Sales Tax Assessment (0.04% of Vermont adjusted gross income) in lieu of actual sales/use tax occurring on out-of-state/mail order purchases.

If you have kept records and know the actual amount of qualifying out-of-state and mail order purchases, please indicate that amount here: _____. (Do not include purchases of clothing under \$110.)

CIVIL UNIONS

If you qualify to file under Vermont's Civil Union rules, please notify us, as we will need to request additional information. This will not affect the manner in which your federal tax return is filed.

VERMONT SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you wish to contribute, on your Vermont tax return, to any of the following special Vermont Funds? If yes, please indicate the amount. Your contribution will be tax deductible if you itemize your deductions in 2006.

	YES/NO	AMOUNT
<i>Vermont Non-game Wildlife Fund</i>	_____	_____
<i>Vermont Children's Trust Fund</i>	_____	_____
<i>Vermont Campaign Fund</i>	_____	_____

VERMONT 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

If you contributed during 2005 to a 529 plan administered by VSAC (Vermont Student Assistance Corporation), please provide copies of the paperwork as you may be eligible for a Vermont tax credit.

HOMEOWNER OR RENTER REBATE CLAIMS

Indicate amount and type of **other income** received, which may not normally be taxable (e.g. veteran's benefits, child support, etc.).

We also need complete details of the amounts and types of all income for **ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD** not included on this tax return (includes children, roommates, non-family persons). If you have **adult children** who use your address for filing their Vermont tax returns, this will cause problems unless all of their income is reported on the rebate claim.

If you **paid** child support in 2005, please provide the amount paid and proof of payment.

If you **rent a house or apartment**, we need the Rent Paid Certificates provided to you by your landlord.