

# LEGAL SMART

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The mission of Legal Resources is to provide superior legal services to our members, enabling them to lead active, healthy and worry-free lives, free of major legal expenses.

*This Month's Edition includes:*

- > *Tips for a Legal Spring Cleaning*
- > *Suggested Uses for your 2020 Tax Refund*
- > *Stimulus Advice*
- and much more!*



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### #TrendingNow

Alexa Echo  
Dot 4



### Something Different

5 Smart Tax  
Return Ideas

## Featured Story

### Spring Cleaning: Legal Edition

'Tis the season of deep cleans. After getting your home in order, consider organizing your legal life. We recommend you update your will, review retirement plans, and formalize advance directives, just to name a few. Learn more about the legal services covered by your Legal Plan and how to incorporate them into your spring cleaning to-do list by checking out the following articles:

#### 6 Common Will Writing Mistakes

Working on your will? Here's a list of common pitfalls and tips to avoid them.

#### Call Your Attorney: 9 Situations to Consider

Contacting your Plan Firm is a quick and easy way to jumpstart the legal spring cleaning process.

#### Caring for Elderly Loved Ones

Extend a helping hand to your aging loved ones and discuss with them the importance of wills, medical directives, and other documents.

#### Legal Plan and Your New Job

Now is the perfect time to familiarize yourself with plan terms and the numerous ways your legal benefit can protect you.





# #TrendingNow

## Alexa Echo Dot 4

"Alexa, what's the weather today?"

Our favorite tech friend has come a long way since her mass debut in 2015. While she still provides helpful details about weather, traffic, news, and set timers, recent advancements have transformed her into a much-needed home assistant. The fourth-generation Echo Dot offers a drop-in feature intended to check-in or talk with folks in other rooms. Echo is also compatible with Zigbee devices and can turn on lights and lock doors via voice commands to maximize home security.



# SOMETHING DIFFERENT

## 5 Smart Things to Do With Your Tax Refund, Other Than Spend It

The third round of stimulus checks aren't the only funds hitting bank accounts this month. Many Americans will see their state and federal tax refunds deposited into the bank as well. Avoid the temptation to splurge and adopt one of these tax refund practices instead.

**Save.** Consider transferring your refund to savings, or creating an emergency fund.

**Invest.** Try your hand at the stock market or select an index fund and watch your refund grow.

**Pre-pay.** Make an extra payment toward your car, home, or student loans.

**Donate.** Consider donating your refund to your cause or charity of choice.

**Improve.** Allocate your refund towards self-improvement activities like a gym membership or online class.

## DID YOU KNOW ?...

The third round of stimulus checks have been released as part of President Biden's COVID-19 relief package. Questions are circulating about eligibility, amount, and the method of payment for the new stimulus checks. The IRS provides all of your answers on their [FAQ Page](#) and allows you to track your payment in real time with the [Get My Payment](#) tool.

## CYBER CORNER

### Microsoft Exchange Hack

The recent breach of Microsoft Exchange accounts has impacted hundreds of thousands of organizations across the globe. Behind the attack is Hafnium, a group that is speculated to have initiated the breach as early as January. Specifics about exposure were only recently released, however, and Microsoft is working to halt the malicious activity. Schools, hospitals, U.S.-based retailers, cities, and pharmacies were among the attack's main targets, breaching organizations' e-mail and calendar activities.



## Frequently Asked Questions



**Q:** I want to learn more about Legal Resources' COVID-19 response. Where can I find this information?

**A:** Visit [LegalResources.com](#) and select the red [COVID-19 button](#) in the upper righthand corner. There, you will find our company's responses, as well as several legal and identity theft resources specific to the pandemic.

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