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Possible delays for SC tax refunds

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Tax season is here, and millions of Americans are eagerly awaiting their tax refunds. But you may have to wait a bit longer in South Carolina.

South Carolina state tax refunds are delayed up to eight weeks from the Feb. 2 filing date, or later, due to non-conformity with new federal tax laws, requiring manual adjustments for items like

tips and overtime, according to the Department of Revenue website.

Tax experts advise taxpayers to be extra careful and adjust their state tax filings to add back income that may have been deducted federally, as reported by USA TODAY. It is also recommended to double-check your return for accuracy before submission, especially given state differences between federal rules.

“State tax conformity will be the biggest hurdle as some states conform,

some don’t conform, and some only partially conform” to Trump’s new tax laws, said Richard Pon, a certified public accountant in San Francisco.

When is tax day?

When are taxes due by?

Tax day for 2026 is April 15.

This is the deadline for filing federal tax returns, and it’s important to ensure all necessary documents are submitted on time to avoid penalties.

What is the One Big Beautiful Bill Act? What does it mean for taxes?

The passing and signing into law of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act was a major legislative victory for President Donald Trump.

Signed into law in July 2025, it significantly affects federal taxes, credits, and deductions, and focuses on extending Trump’s 2017 tax cuts.

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From left, Sen. Karl Allen alongside Peggy Baxter and Rev. Grady Butler at the “Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. Street” sign installment along Haynie and Augusta Street in Greenville.

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‘He deserves the recognition’

Greenville elected officials honor Jackson at street ceremony

A.J. Jackson

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A Wreath Memorial Ceremony commemorating the life and birthplace of the Rev. Jesse Jackson took place at the intersection of Haynie and Augusta Street on March 6.

Jackson died at the age of 84 on Feb. 17 in Chicago. A celebration of his life took place in Chicago and was attended by former presidents and first ladies Joe Biden, Jill Biden, Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Musicians performing at the event included EGOT-

winner Jennifer Hudson and gospel legend BeBe Winans.

In his hometown, in what felt like a true hometown funeral service for the Civil Rights activist, presidential candidate, and Greenville-native, the afternoon was filled with songs of worship by Maxie Burton, a trumpeter’s rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” and words from local elected officials, plus more from the Haynie-Sirrine neighborhood.

“Jesse Louis Jackson Sr. is one of the greatest to ever come through the state of South Carolina; he deserves the recognition,” said Sen. Karl Allen during the ceremony held at Beasley Funeral Home. “He went abroad; he saved lives.”

The ceremony also featured comments from Greenville City Council members Dorothy Dowe and Ken Gibson, as well as Rep. Chandra Dillard.

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Pollen levels on the rise

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Pollen season affects many individuals, as the yellow coating blankets vehicles, outdoor furniture, and other surfaces. And the season is upon South Carolina.

In the Palmetto State, pollen season typically kicks off in late February around springtime and peaks during March, and can stretch into November. AccuWeather ranked South Carolina as one of the toughest places for allergy sufferers due to its diverse plant life and warm, humid climate.

This extended pollen exposure means people could endure months of sneezing, itchy eyes, and other allergy symptoms.

Here’s everything you need to know about the upcoming pollen season in South Carolina.

Upstate pollen levels right now

As of March 5, pollen levels in the Greenville, Spartanburg, and Anderson areas of South Carolina are in the moderate to high range, according to the pollen outlook from meteorologists.

Which plant, tree species makes the Carolinas sneeze?

Tree pollen is the primary allergen during this time, with Cedar, Elm, Maple, Pine, and Alder being the dominant contributors, according to an AccuWeather climate study.

These trees release large amounts of pollen that can trigger allergic reactions.

Local meteorologists expect tree pollen levels to reach extremely high levels within the next few weeks.

Why so much grass pollen?

As tree pollen begins to wane, grass pollen becomes the main concern for allergy sufferers.

AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist and Allergy Expert Alan Reppert stated the combination of above-average rainfall and warmer temperatures will lead to elevated grass pollen levels.

Grass responds quickly to moisture and warmth, allowing it to grow rapidly after a soaking rain, contributing to allergy symptoms.

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