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Taxes And The Home Based Culinary Business

Everyone wants a piece of the pie – just expect it. When you are a self-owned and operated business, you need to understand taxes, who you're going to pay, and how often. Taxes aren't scary, but the unknown can come back to haunt you. So be wise from the onset. You can always secure a CPA or a bookkeeper to track all of this for you. You'll just need to pay them. If this is a method that seems of interest to you, interview tax authorities with the understanding that you are a start-up with fairly basic transactions (at least for now) – perhaps an accountant can do a quarterly review for you and bring your account up to date. To do this, they will require you to keep records in the format that they are comfortable with. This will save you money – they'll just import data and tabulate. This method also takes the guesswork out of who to pay and when – your accountant will just tell you. If you don't feel the need to invest at the moment for this type of service, consider an online accounting method like Quickbooks. This system will help you put the right expense into the right category, and when setup for your state and county, should also keep track of taxes that are owed. The bottom of this list is where you'll create your own accounting method. It's not overly complicated – you do not have employees, accounts receivable, etc. But you will need to investigate about when taxes are due, to whom, and how much. All of this data is easily found, and a trip to your county clerks office should answer almost all of these questions.

