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April 2027 Money Checklist

Tick each box as you finish it. Dated items come from official sources (listed at the bottom).

DATES THIS MONTH

- ☐ **Apr 15** 2026 tax returns due; an extension gives 6 more months to file, not to pay
- ☐ **Apr 15** Last day for 2026 IRA contributions (HSAs follow the same filing deadline)
- ☐ **Apr 15** First estimated tax payment for 2027

THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

- ☐ File, or request an extension and pay what you expect to owe
- ☐ Make any 2026 IRA contribution you planned
- ☐ Self-employed? Set aside money for the 2027 estimated payments
- ☐ Put part of any refund toward a goal

EVERY MONTH

- ☐ Pay yourself first: move savings out on payday
- ☐ Scan every account for charges you don't recognize
- ☐ Pay every bill on time (autopay at least the minimum)
- ☐ Cut, cancel or renegotiate one bill or subscription
- ☐ Add to your emergency fund (goal: 3 to 6 months of essentials)
- ☐ Check a free credit report (weekly at AnnualCreditReport.com)
- ☐ Compare what you planned to spend with what you spent
- ☐ Send any windfall to a goal before you spend it

NOTES

Sources: FTC: Free credit reports; IRS: Estimated tax FAQ; IRS: Traditional and Roth IRAs; IRS: When to file. Dates verified Nov 15, 2026. Educational only, not financial, tax or legal advice. Full list with links: digitalwealthsource.com/articles/article-monthly-money-checklist