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If you receive your federal benefits by paper check, you'll need to [switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013](#).

The federal benefits affected are:

- Social Security
- Supplemental Security Income
- Veterans Affairs
- Railroad Retirement Board
- Office of Personnel Management
- Department of Labor (Black Lung)

You have two options for receiving benefits electronically:

1. Direct Deposit: The U.S. Treasury deposits your benefits directly into your bank account. You can sign up for direct deposit in one of these ways:

- [Enroll online](#).
- Visit your bank or credit union.
- Call (800) 333-1795 (Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm ET).
- Contact the local office of the agency providing your federal benefits.
- [Enroll by mail](#).

2. Prepaid Debit Card: The U.S. Treasury deposits your benefits directly to a debit card. This is an option if you don't have a bank account and do not want to open one. You can request a debit card by calling (800) 333-1795 (Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm ET).

Be ready with the [information you'll need to set up your federal benefit payments by direct deposit or debit card](#).

If you have questions, call the Go Direct Helpline at (800) 333-1795.