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Question:

How long should I keep my financial records?

Answer:

From a tax standpoint, you should keep your financial records at least three years. All of those things that are routine, you should keep for at least three years.

As far as the copies of your old tax returns, I would say, keep them indefinitely. And as far as copies of major transactions, such as the purchase or sale of a home, you should keep indefinitely. You should keep all your investment records indefinitely, because you may have to justify capital gains or capital losses.

Generally speaking, there are two rules. Number one, at least three years. [Number two,] but it's better to be safe than sorry.