

YEAR END TAX PLANNING

Donate Appreciated Assets

You may have an asset that is worth more than the price you paid for it. By transferring that asset directly to a charity, you will make a donation in the amount of the full Fair Market Value of that asset as of the date the charity receives it. This avoids any taxable gain from selling the appreciated asset and qualifies as a tax deductible donation.

Double Tax Deduction

You may have an asset that is worth less than the price you paid for it. (1) Sell the asset to realize a tax loss. (2) Donate the proceeds from the sale of the asset to a charity to receive a tax deductible donation.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

This allows tax free distributions of up to \$100,000 for IRA owners age 70 ½ or older from IRAs to qualified charities. This strategy meets the Required Minimum Distribution rules while supporting your favorite charity. The IRA distribution must be made via 'direct transfer' to the charity. While no actual tax deduction is recognized, no income is reported either. 2011 may be the last year this provision is available.

Year End Cash Donation

The recession has been hard for all of us and charities have not been immune to the cut backs and sacrifices we have all had to make. If you would like to make a cash donation to support the ongoing efforts of Algalita Marine Research Foundation, please make check payable to 'Algalita Marine Research Foundation' or 'AMRF'.

You can also make a donation at our website www.algalita.org

All donations need to be received by December 31, 2011 to be realized as a charitable tax deduction for tax year 2011. AMRF will mail a receipt for tax reporting purposes.

For more information, please contact **Algalita Marine Research Foundation** at **(562) 598-4889**. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation. AMRF does not give investment or tax advice.