

CheckFree Bill Pay FAQs

1. What is the timeline for the Bill Pay upgrade?

During the upgrade, the Bill Pay system will be unavailable from Wednesday, May 17, 2017, starting at 2:30 PM through Thursday, May 18, 2017. We anticipate that Bill Pay will be available the evening of Thursday, May 18, 2017.

If you are not already enrolled in Bill Pay, you will be unable to enroll from Wednesday, May 17 through Thursday, May 18.

Any payments that were previously set up and are scheduled to be sent out on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 and Thursday, May 18, 2017 will go out as expected. However, some bill payments could be sent out as a check instead of electronically during the adjustment period from May 18 to May 24. Please plan accordingly when you set your payment due dates in online banking during this time. Checks can take up to 5 business days to be received by the payee.

2. How is the new Bill Pay different than what you offer today?

The new Bill Pay offers new and improved features and functionalities such as:

- More flexibility in scheduling options
- Enhanced eBills
- Payment scheduling options that interact with your eBills
- Rush payment options
- Later cutoff times
- The ability to group “like” biller/payees together
- Payments scheduled by a “Deliver By” date rather than mail date
- The ability to schedule payment reminders
- Payment monitoring
- Alerts and enhanced fraud monitoring to protect you from unauthorized payments.

3. Why am I receiving a message that says Bill Pay is not available?

If you receive an error message that says “Bill Pay is not available,” please check to make sure we have the most up to date home phone and/or email address on file. You may verify this information by accessing the “Service Center” tab within your online banking account. If after verifying your information, you continue to receive an error message, please contact customer service for assistance at 866-987-7601.

4. What does “Deliver By” date mean?

The “Deliver By” date is the date the biller/payee will receive the payment. If the payment is sent electronically, this will also be the date that the funds will be withdrawn from your account. If the payment is sent by check, the funds will be withdrawn from your account when the check is deposited by the payee.

5. Why do I have to select a funding account?

The first time using our new Bill Pay, you will need to select a funding account when processing a payment for each biller/payee. Once you have selected the funding account, the funding account will be saved for that biller/payee.

6. Why do I have to re-enroll in eBills?

With our new Bill Pay, we have made some major improvements to our eBill process. By re-enrolling in our new and improved eBill system, you will have access to new features such as PDF copies of your bill, eBill alerts and new payment options that will allow you to schedule one time and recurring payments based on your eBill each month!

7. Why are some payments sent electronically, while others are sent by check?

The method of payment is determined by the biller/payee. Some biller/payees may also set certain dollar limits on payments sent electronically and payments sent by check. This means that your payment could be sent electronically, but other times, a payment to that same biller/payee could be sent via check.

8. How does Bill Pay make paying bills so easy?

Rather than writing checks to the same biller/payee each and every month, you establish a biller/payee list. Then, each month it's just a matter of pointing and clicking on a biller/payee, entering a date and amount that you would like to pay. You have the option of scheduling payments or setting up recurring payments, as well as having the control to make your payments when you want to.

9. How are my bills paid?

Bill Pay may prepare and mail a check for you or the payment may be sent electronically. The amounts are debited directly from your checking account. Simply enter the date you would like your payment to be received and Bill Pay will take care of getting it there on time.

10. What are the methods in which a bill payment may go out?

Payment methods may include, but are not limited to, an electronic payment (ACH), an electronic check payment, or a laser draft payment (funds remitted to the biller/payee are deducted from your checking account when the laser draft is deposited/cashed by the payee).

11. What happens if I don't have enough money in my account?

If you do not have enough money in your account on the "Deliver By" date, the payment will still be sent to the biller/payee and you could receive an insufficient funds charge (as disclosed in our schedule of fees.) We will try to collect payment a second time within 24-48 hours. If at that time you still do not have sufficient funds, a second insufficient funds charge may be assessed. At times, we may work with the biller/payee to try and reverse the payment. If the payment cannot be reversed, we will contact you directly to satisfy your outstanding balance. Your access to Bill Pay may be restricted if there are insufficient funds to cover the payment.

12. How does the new Bill Pay system help to protect my account from fraudulent bill payments?

With our new and enhanced Bill Pay, every payment is evaluated to ensure that it is within your normal behavior as well as within the normal behavior for that biller/payee. If we have any questions regarding any of your payments, the payment may be held for 48 hours while we try to contact you for verification. If we are unable to contact you, the payment may be cancelled.

13. How can I change the funding account I have set for a specific merchant?

To choose a different funding account for a specific biller/payee, simply select the new account from the "Pay From" drop down.

14. What if I need to change the funding account for my recurring payments?

Changing the default funding account for recurring payments is easy in our new Bill Pay. Simply select the "Accounts" tab and select the "Move Payments" link from the existing funding account. Select the new account from the "Move to this Account" drop down and click the "Move Payments" button.

15. Can I cancel a Scheduled Payment?

You may cancel or edit any Scheduled Payment (including recurring payments) by selecting the "Change" or "Cancel" links within the Pending Payments section of the Bill Pay system. There is no charge for canceling or editing a Scheduled Payment. Once the payment has begun processing, it cannot be cancelled or edited.

16. Can I pay a person through the Bill Payment system?

Yes, check payments can be sent to an individual from within the Bill Payment system. To send a check payment to an individual, click the “Add a Company or Person” button from within the Payment Center and select the “Person Tab.” You must be able to supply enough information on that person, such as name and full address for them to be created as a biller/payee.

17. What if I need to pay a person via ACH (electronically) instead of with a check?

If you need to pay an individual via ACH, you may use the Popmoney® functionality.
(See Popmoney® FAQs)

18. How can I add a new biller/payee?

Click the “Add a Company or Person” button from within the Payment Center and select the “Company Tab.” You can either search for the company in the “Search” bar, or you can select the company from the list of major biller/payees. When adding a major biller/payee, the biller/payee information has already been identified by the Bill Pay system; therefore, all you need to do is enter your account information for that major biller/payee. For smaller businesses or local businesses, the biller/payee information may not be readily available; therefore, you may need to enter more information about the business such as mailing address and phone number.

19. How can I organize my list of billers/payees?

To organize your list of biller/payees, select the “Organize my List” link from the Payment Center. This will allow you to group biller/payees together in a way that works for you.

20. What are Bill Pay eBills?

Bill Pay eBills is the ability to receive your electronic bills directly from a participating payee to your online banking bill pay account.

21. How do I know if a company participates in eBills?

To see if a company participates in eBills, you can search for them at:
<http://www.ebillplace.com/cda/ebillplace/providers/providers.html>

22. What information is required to enroll for an eBill?

Often, only the biller/payee name and account number are required, although some do require an additional field for validation, such as ZIP or phone number.