

LEGACY BUILDER

Invest Well

Diversified Investing & Withdrawals

We've all been warned about putting all of our eggs in one basket or the downfall of too much of a good thing. These adages apply to how we invest our money and also how we choose to withdraw those funds later in life.

1. Tax Efficient Investments

Tax free accounts not only bypass probate (and thereby avoid probate tax) but they also do not impact income tested benefits like the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). Additionally, certain investments (bonds, GICs, and other fixed income instruments) are more efficient to hold in a Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA), whereas other securities, such as equities, are better off to be held in non-registered accounts.

2. Tax Free Dividend Income

If planning an early retirement without additional income sources, individuals may be able to structure their non-registered investments in such a way that up to \$50,000 of dividend income could come their way, tax-free.

3. Withdrawal Strategy is just as Important.

If an investing strategy is important, so too is your plan to withdraw your retirement funds. RRSPs, TFSAs and non-registered investments require a thoughtful and purposeful withdrawal strategy to minimize taxes and to maximize income in retirement.

4. Making it Last

How long will your retirement money last? It is true that you can't take it with you, but spending big in the first few years of retirement can have negative financial consequences. A proper plan is important to ensure you will have enough funds on hand for opportunities that may come up and to support additional health and wellness needs that may arise.

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