



# CLINT ZWEIFEL

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## Helping older Missourians with their Unclaimed Property

### Working with Alzheimer's Association and AARP to reach older adult Missourians

State Treasurer Clint Zweifel (ZWY-ful) is working with organizations such as the **Alzheimer's Association St. Louis Chapter** and **AARP Missouri** in a new education initiative aimed at helping older Missourians with Unclaimed Property claims and management. Treasurer Zweifel is providing educational resources, a staff member and holding meetings to talk to caregivers and healthcare providers who are helping families deal with the finances of older Missourians, including those dealing with dementia or long term illnesses. To learn more about the initiative please email [ucphelp@treasurer.mo.gov](mailto:ucphelp@treasurer.mo.gov).

### Below are some tips for older Missourians regarding Unclaimed Property:

1. Never provide personal or financial information to anyone you are unsure of.
2. Treasurer Zweifel never charges for the return of Unclaimed Property.
3. Let your family know where you bank, if you have safe deposit boxes, where you have insurance policies and how you want to handle your estate.
4. If you receive a postcard from Treasurer Zweifel or see your name in the paper, contact Treasurer Zweifel's office to begin the claims process.
5. Sign-up to receive email notifications when new Unclaimed Property matching your information is added to the system at [www.ShowMeMoney.com](http://www.ShowMeMoney.com).
6. More than 50 percent of claims can be filed online, meaning you never have to mail anything in.
7. Treasurer Zweifel receives new Unclaimed Property each week. Check your information and that of your relatives regularly.
8. Most types of Unclaimed Property are reported to Treasurer Zweifel after the company has been unable to locate the owner for five years.
9. Unclaimed Property is made up of life insurance, uncashed checks, utility deposits, savings and checking accounts, certificates of deposit, safe deposit box contents, stocks and mutual funds. Treasurer Zweifel does not handle real property such as land and houses or certain types of personal property such as cars and boats.
10. For questions or help, contact Treasurer Zweifel's Unclaimed Property team at [ucphelp@treasurer.mo.gov](mailto:ucphelp@treasurer.mo.gov).