More than $2.4 billion is waiting to be returned to rightful owners.

While the Division of Unclaimed Funds will continue to safeguard your forgotten money in perpetuity, follow these tips to avoid having your funds turned over to the division in the first place:

1. Notify business contacts (i.e. banks, utility companies) of your change of address when you move.

2. Keep a record of all bank accounts.

3. Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable and electricity.

4. Cash all checks promptly, no matter how small.

5. Visit your safe deposit box at least once a year.

Check for unclaimed funds annually by calling 614-466-4433 or going online to com.ohio.gov/unfd.