The Attorney General's Office offers the following tips for reducing telemarketing calls and unwanted mail.

**Telemarketing Calls**

**Place your number on the National Do Not Call Registry**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) maintains a national "do not call" list called the National Do Not Call Registry. You may register up to three phone numbers (including your cell phone number) by visiting donotcall.gov or calling (888) 382-1222.

Telemarketers covered by the National Do Not Call Registry have up to 31 days from the date you register to stop calling you.

Not all telemarketing calls are blocked. Some calls are exempt or are not covered by the do not call law. Examples of such calls include:

1. Political calls,
2. Nonprofits soliciting contributions on their own behalves, and
3. Calls from companies that only conduct surveys.

**Place your number on in-house do not call lists**

Some companies, such as those hired to call on behalf of nonprofits, or those with whom you have an established business relationship, are not required to stop calling you even though your number is on the National Do Not Call Registry. These companies must, however, maintain in-house do not call lists. You must ask each company to be put on its individual in-house do not call list. Once you make such a request, the company must stop calling you.

Companies that violate this law and continue to call you may be subject to a fine.

**Mail**

**“Opt out” of pre-approved credit card offers**

The four major credit bureaus sell lists of individuals who meet certain credit criteria. To remove your name from the generated lists, call the "opt out" hotline for the four major credit bureaus Equifax, Experian, Innovis, and Trans Union at: (888) 5-OPT-OUT (888-567-8688) or "opt out" online at: www.optoutprescreen.com. You may choose to "opt out" of such offers for five years or permanently. If you do choose to "opt out," and decide that you want to receive such offers again, you can "opt in."

**Report a violation to the FTC**

To file a complaint or to report a violation, contact the FTC as follows:

**Federal Trade Commission**

Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580
(877) FTC-HELP or (877) 382-4357
TTY: (866) 563-4261
donotcall.gov

**Avoid “do not call” scams**

Calls asking you to confirm your registration on the National Do Not Call Registry by providing personal information or charging you a pre-registration fee are scams. The FTC does not allow private companies or other third parties to “pre-register” consumers. Registration under the do not call law is free and no confirmation of personal information is necessary.
You may also mail a written “opt-out” request to the four credit bureaus at the following addresses:

**Equifax, Inc.**
Options
P.O. Box 740123
Atlanta, GA 30374-0123

**Experian**
Opt Out
P.O. Box 919
Allen, TX 75013

**Innovis Customer Assistance**
Name Removal Option
P.O. Box 495
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0495

**TransUnion**
Name Removal Option
P.O. Box 505
Woodlyn, PA 19094-0505

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**Put your name on Data & Marketing Association, Inc. “Mail Preference Service” list.**

The Data & Marketing Association, Inc. (DMA) is a trade association of companies that send solicitations to the public. If you wish to “opt out” of DMA mailing lists, you may send a letter with your complete name (including variations), mailing address, and signature, along with a check or money order made out to DMA in the amount of $3 to:

**DMAchoice**
Data & Marketing Association
P.O. Box 900
Cos Cob, CT 06807
www.dmachoice.org

Your name should be removed from DMA member lists for three years. (It may take up to three months for you to see a decrease in the amount of mail you receive.) Remember, this does not eliminate all unwanted mail. You will continue to receive mail from companies and organizations that do not belong to the DMA.

For more information about telemarketing calls and unwanted mail, contact the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office as follows:

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www.ag.state.mn.us

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