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Redeem Mutilated Currency

The BEP redeems mutilated currency as a free public service. Lawful holders of mutilated currency may receive a redemption at full value when:

Mutilated currency is currency which has been damaged to the extent that:

- Its condition is such that its value is questionable and the currency must be forwarded to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for examination by trained experts before any redemption is made. One example of mutilated currency may be bills missing relevant security features.

Currency can become mutilated in any number of ways. The most common causes are: fire, water, chemicals, and explosives; animal, insect, or rodent damage; and petrification or deterioration by burying.

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- Clearly more than 50 percent of a note identifiable as United States currency is present, along with sufficient remnants of any relevant security feature and clearly more than one-half of the original note remains; or,
- Fifty percent or less of a note identifiable as United States currency is present and the method of mutilation and supporting evidence demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Treasury that the missing portions have been totally destroyed.

Every year the Treasury Department handles approximately 30,000 claims and redeems mutilated currency valued at over \$30 million. Your money is important. However, please know that heavy volume and the precise nature of the work may result in lengthy wait times. Please follow the [submission instructions](#) carefully to help us process your claim in the most efficient manner.



Buried Currency



Water Damaged Currency



Burned Currency



U.S. Currency	Resources	Services	Press Center	About	Policy	Other Government Sites
\$1 Note	Collector Information	Currency Redemption	Press Releases	Treasurer of the United States	Accessibility Statement	USA.gov
\$2 Note	Equipment Manufacturers	Shop	Press Release Archive	Advanced Counterfeit Deterrence	Privacy Statements	Regulations.gov
\$5 Note	FAQs	Take a Tour		Office of the Director	FOIA	Treasury.gov
\$10 Note	Image Gallery			Doing Business with the BEP	No Fear Act	Open Government Initiative
\$20 Note	Laws and Regulations			Careers	EEO/ADR	Making Home Affordable
\$50 Note	Lifespan of a Note			Contact Us	Google Privacy	
\$100 Note	Meaningful Access					

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Production - Annual

History

Production - Monthly

How Money Is
Made

Serial Numbers

Training &
Education