

Should I Upgrade My QuickBooks Software?



“Why should I upgrade?” and “What program should I upgrade to?” are common questions at this time of year. Small business owners are sent so much information on accounting software that the literature just overwhelms instead of informs. But Bodilly CPAs can help you. My name is Wendy Albrecht and I am a certified QuickBooks Pro Advisor, I have worked with QuickBooks for 9 years, I have used and/or researched all of the QuickBooks products.

The rule of thumb for upgrading is two fold. First, if you are using a version of QuickBooks prior to 2002, you should upgrade. You never want to be more than 3 years behind. With each version there are many enhancements and improvements that will make data processing easier and more time efficient. The new programs are written with the most current window operating systems so that your hardware and software will be compatible. Intuit stops supporting earlier versions of their software and do not provide current tax tables after that 3 year window.

Second, you do not need to upgrade every year. Look at the new products and see if the new features pertain to your specific needs. In 2004 QuickBooks came out with a significant number of new features. In 2005 QuickBooks decided to enhance the features they already had and make those features work better. Both products are very good.

Another change at Intuit, the makers of QuickBooks, was to offer more choices in software. Prior to 2004 there was Basic, Pro, Premier and Enterprise. Then Intuit added vertical options within the premier and enterprise line. In 2005 Intuit offers a new product called QuickStart. The staff at Bodilly CPAs have researched and/or used every one of these products. Feel free to give me a call at 664-1046 and I can help guide you through your options and what I feel would be best for your business.

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