

Depreciation Methods for 2014

Here's a chart to help you understand what rules apply in depreciating capital expenses for your business:

<i>Depreciation Category</i>	<i>Depreciation Method</i>	<i>May I Use Section 179 Rules?</i>	<i>50% Bonus?</i>
Personal Property			
A. Office equipment			
• business use 50% or less	5-year straight line	No	No
• business-use more than 50%	5-year straight line <i>or</i> 5-year 200% declining balance	Yes	Yes
B. Other personal property (furniture, appliances, play equipment, etc.)			
• Time-Space Percentage <i>or</i>	7-year straight line <i>or</i> business-use 50% or less 7-year 200% declining balance	No	Yes
• Time-Space percentage <i>or</i>	7-year straight line <i>or</i> business-use more than 50% 7-year 200% declining balance	Yes	Yes
Home Improvements			
for all Time-Space Percentages <i>or</i>	39-year straight line	No	No
business-use percentages (Repair/maintenance – 1 year)			
Land Improvements			
for all Time-Space Percentages <i>or</i>	15-year straight line <i>or</i> business-use percentages 15-year 150% declining balance	No	Yes
Home Depreciation			
for all Time-Space percentages.....	39-year straight line	No	No
Automobile Depreciation			
• business-use 50% or less.....	5-year straight line	No	No
• business-use more than 50%	5-year straight line <i>or</i> 5-year 200% declining balance	Yes	Yes