Properly sorting & organizing receipts for your accounting professional minimizes bookkeeping or accounting costs & reduces the risk of misplaced receipts or expenses which can result in uncaptured HST refunds & higher taxes!

- Use reusable, resealable Ziploc bags to gather your receipts
  - If you are a Sole Proprietor, sort receipts by expense category (Office, Meals, Gas, etc.), and separated according to your HST reporting period (Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually)
- Partnerships should sort receipts by both reporting period & category however, if partners track their expenses independently, they should also separate receipts by who paid for the expenses.
  - Incorporated companies should separate receipts by month, category & <u>method of payment</u>. For example, business debit purchases should be kept separate from those paid by credit card. If more than one credit card is used, those receipts should be separated as well.
- A separate bag should be used for shareholder out-of-pocket expenses ie. using personal funds. Receipts should be keep separate for each individual shareholder.
  - If income and expenses are tracked by project, write the project identifier on the receipt
- 7 DO NOT fold receipts
  - Staple the debit or credit card slip to the related receipt
- If the expense is not immediately obvious write what type of expense it is on the receipt, for example, a receipt from a stationary store could fall under office supplies, advertising or a special project.
  - Meals: Write the name of the client, vendor or project on the receipt for CRA purposes or the expense may be disallowed by the CRA
- Save yourself the unnecessary work or adding up your receipts We have a template for that!
  - For all our big box store lovers, Costco enthusiasts & brand fans, do NOT co-mingle personal expenses with business related expenses. Take the extra time to separate your purchases to Avoid unnecessary cost and complications!