

Signs Your Books Need a Cleanup

If several of these sound familiar, it may be time for a closer look.

- [] You're not sure your bank balance and your accounting software actually agree
- [] Transactions are sitting in an "Uncategorized" or "Ask My Accountant" bucket
- [] You've noticed the same transaction entered twice
- [] You judge how the business is doing by your bank balance, not your financial reports
- [] Invoices have gone unpaid for months and nobody's followed up
- [] Your Profit & Loss Statement doesn't match what you feel is happening in the business
- [] You dread tax season because you know the books aren't ready
- [] It's been months (or longer) since you actually reconciled an account
- [] You've switched bookkeepers, software, or systems and things got messy in the handoff
- [] You genuinely don't know if last month was profitable

If several of these sound familiar—or you're simply not confident your financial reports are accurate—it may be time to take a closer look at your books.