

Residents Encouraged to Participate in Florida's Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday



Escambia County
**Disaster Preparedness
Sales Tax Holiday**



Escambia County is encouraging residents to participate in Florida's 14-day Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, May 27 through June 9.

On Thursday, May 26, Gov. [Ron DeSantis signed into law HB 7063, Florida's Family-Focused Tax Relief, which is the largest tax relief plan in Florida's history.](#)

The Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday was created to incentivize preparedness before hurricane and tropical storm season. Hurricane season begins June 1 and continues through November.

"This is a reminder that hurricane season is upon us and we all have the opportunity to take advantage of this program to better prepare us for this upcoming season," said Emergency Manager Travis Tompkins.

Floridians can expect to be able to purchase the following items without paying sales tax:

- Pet leashes, collars and muzzles (\$20 or less)
- Paper towels, toilet paper and soap (\$30 or less)
- Candles, flashlights, lanterns and pet beds (\$40 or less)
- Batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries (\$50 or less)

- Radios powered by battery, solar or handcrank (\$50 or less)
- Coolers (\$60 or less)
- Smoke detectors (\$70 or less)
- Tarps (\$100 or less)
- Portable generators (\$3000 or less)

For more information and a list of qualifying items, visit floridarevenue.com/disasterprep.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

MAY 27 - JUNE 9, 2023

Purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies tax-free

<p>\$10 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cans or pouches of wet pet food 	<p>\$30 or less</p> <p><i>Common household consumable items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laundry supplies: Laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover and bleach • Toilet paper and paper towels • Paper napkins, tissues, facial tissues • Handsoap, bar soap and body wash • Sunscreen and sunblock • Dish soaps and detergents: powder, liquid or pod detergent, dishwasher rinse agents • Cleaning or disinfecting wipes and sprays • Hand sanitizer • Trash bags 	<p>\$50 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable self-powered radios, two-way radios or weather-band radios • Gas or diesel fuel tanks • Batteries, including rechargeable batteries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA-cell • AAA-cell • C-cell • D-cell • 6-volt • 9-volt 	<p>\$70 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke detectors or smoke alarms • Fire extinguishers • Carbon monoxide detectors
<p>\$15 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual can openers • Collapsible or travel-size food and water bowls for pets • Cat litter pans • Pet waste disposal bags • Hamster or rabbit substrate 			<p>\$100 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting • Ground anchor systems • Portable pet kennels • Over the counter pet medications • Bags of dry dog or cat food
<p>\$20 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable ice • Leashes, collars and muzzles for pets • Pet pads 	<p>\$40 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable self-powered light sources • Pet Beds 	<p>\$60 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonelectric food storage coolers • Portable power banks 	<p>\$3,000 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage (<i>Never use a generator indoors.</i>)
<p>\$25 or less</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cat litter 			



Find a full list of tax-free items at FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep and a complete disaster supply kit checklist at FloridaDisaster.org/Kit

