



## ***Get Ready to Save Money!***

Plan to go shopping the last week of May, and you will save money on items you can use. Put it on your calendar: Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 25-31. During that week, you can stock up on supplies for protecting your home and business during hurricane and flooding season. You also can add items to your family's emergency supply kit.

Many everyday items are exempt. Shop for items on this list that have a price of \$60 or less:

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
- Batteries, excluding car or boat batteries
- Battery-powered light sources, including flashlights and lanterns
- First aid kits
- Cell phone chargers
- Weather Band radios and NOAA Weather Radios
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radios, including radio with electrical power option
- Bottled water of any size, including flavored, carbonated and vitamin water
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths
- Bungee cords and rope
- Ground anchor systems or tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers
- Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers such as buckets, barrels, canteens, coolers
- Storm shutter devices made for the prevention of storm damage (not plywood)

Shop for items on this list that have a sales price of \$1,000 or less:

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables.

Retail outlets will have information about the tax holiday. For more, go to [www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday). For information about getting ready for hurricane and flooding season in Virginia, please visit [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov).

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# Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday | May 25-31

**Get ready to save money!  
Stock up on supplies for your family's  
emergency supply kit and to protect your home.**

By law, the items listed below are exempt from Virginia sales tax between May 25 and May 31.

## **\$60 or less**

Shop for items in this list that have a sales price of \$60 or less:

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs and reusable ice
- Batteries (excluding automobile or boat batteries)
  - AAA, AA, C and D size
  - 6- or 9-volt
  - Cell phone batteries
- Any battery-powered light sources, including flashlights, lanterns and glow sticks -- no candles
- Tarpaulins, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Bungee cords and rope
- Ground anchor systems or tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers, including buckets, barrels, canteen, cans, cooler
- Nonelectric food storage coolers
- Bottled water, any size and number of bottles, including flavored, carbonated and vitamin water
- Manual can openers
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radios (including radios with an electrical power option)
- Two-way radios
- Weather band radios and NOAA Weather Radios
- Storm shutter devices that are made, rated and marketed specifically for the prevention of storm damage to windows -- no plywood
- Cell phone chargers
- First aid kits

## **\$1,000 or less**

Shop for items in this list that have a sales price of \$1,000 or less:

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables

**Customers can use manufacturer's coupons to lower the price of an item so that it will qualify for the \$60 or \$1,000 price cap.**

The Virginia Department of Taxation's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines and Rules are available online at [www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday).

For detailed information about how to prepare your family for hurricanes and other emergencies, visit [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov).

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