



Get ready to save money!

Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 25-31

Go shopping the last week of May and save money on lots of useful items. Virginia's annual **Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday** is May 25-31. Before the storms hit, stock up on many supplies for protecting your home and business and you won't pay sales tax on them.

New this year: gas-powered chainsaws costing less than \$350 and chainsaw accessories are tax free! Among other items that are tax-exempt are these, with a price of \$60 or less:

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
- Batteries, excluding car or boat batteries
- Portable self-powered light sources, including flashlights and lanterns and glow sticks
- First aid kits
- Cell phone chargers
- Weather Band radios and NOAA Weather Radios
- Portable self-powered radios, including radios with electrical power capability
- Bottled water of any size, including flavored and carbonated
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths
- Bungee cords and rope
- Ground anchor systems, 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

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.vaemergency.gov and www.ReadyVirginia.gov

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