



VIRGINIA SALES TAX HOLIDAY | AUGUST 3 – 5, 2018

Many hurricane and emergency preparedness products are eligible for Virginia's tax-free weekend held annually in August. The three-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. For a full list of qualified items and additional details visit www.tax.virginia.gov.

ELIGIBLE ITEMS – \$60 OR LESS

BATTERIES

Excluding automobile or boat batteries. Including AAA, AA, C, D, 6 volt, 9 volt and cell phone batteries.

LIGHT SOURCES

Any portable, battery-operated or self-powered light sources including:

- Flashlights
- Lanterns
- Glow sticks

RADIOS

- Portable, battery-operated or self-powered radios (including self-powered radios with electrical capability)
- Two-way radios
- Weather band radios
- NOAA weather radios

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Bungee cords, rope and paracords
- Ground anchor systems or tie-down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Bottled water and water storage containers
- Nonreusable water packets
- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs and reusable ice
- Non-electric food storage coolers
- Manual can openers
- Storm shutter devices
- Cell phone chargers
- First aid kits

CHAIN SAWS + CHAIN SAW ACCESSORIES

Gas-powered chain saws with a sales price of \$350 or less and chain saw accessories with a sales price of \$60 or less including:

- Chains, bars and wrenches
- Chain saw bar and nose lubricants
- Two-cycle motor oil
- Chain sharpeners and files
- Carrying cases and scabbards
- Safety apparel, including chaps, gloves, hearing protectors, helmets and protective glasses
- Repair parts

ELIGIBLE ITEMS – \$1,000 OR LESS

- Portable generators
- Generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables
- Photovoltaic devices that generate electricity

ENERGY STAR + WATERSENSE ITEMS

Items affixed with an Energy Star or WaterSense label, with a sales price of \$2,500 or less and purchased for noncommercial use are eligible.

EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

It can take several days or weeks, depending on the severity of the disaster and your geographic location, for government services and assistance to reach you and your family. An emergency kit is vital to keeping your family sustainable. While select emergency kit items mentioned below are not eligible for Virginia's Sales Tax Holiday, use this checklist to build your emergency supply kit by adding a few items each week or month. Regularly replace items that go bad such as water, food, medication and batteries, and remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you build your kit.

FOOD + SUPPLIES

- At least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and supplies

MEDICAL NEEDS

- Medications for at least one week and copies of prescriptions
- Medical equipment, assistive technology and backup batteries
- First aid kit and antibiotic ointment
- Sunblock

TOOLS + SAFETY ITEMS

- Flashlight and batteries
- Multipurpose tool

PROTECTIVE GEAR + CLOTHING

- Extra warm clothing
- Sturdy shoes
- Blankets or sleeping bags

EMERGENCY FUNDS

- Emergency cash funds should be able to sustain your family for several days at a minimum. Government assistance and resources take time.
- Plan for funds to cover fuel, lodging and meals as well as pet boarding costs if you're asked to evacuate.
- Do not rely on credit cards or debit cards as critical networks such as internet or electrical infrastructure may be damaged. Be sure to withdraw plenty of cash before the storm.

HYGIENE + SANITATION

Maintaining good hygiene can stop the spread of bacteria and infectious disease.

- Antibacterial soap and disinfectant
- Paper towels, toilet paper and towelettes
- Bleach and rubbing alcohol
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

CRITICAL PAPERWORK

Prior to a storm or evacuation, collect and store your critical paperwork in a waterproof storage bag or container. Storing a password-protected backup of your records on a virtual cloud service is also recommended.

- Driver's license and passports
- Vehicle registration and proof of insurance
- Medical and vaccination records
- Prescription medicine labels
- Birth certificates, social security cards and wills
- Marriage certificates
- Proof of residence (deed or lease)
- Business and personal tax records
- Household inventory (photo or video)

COMFORT + PRICELESS ITEMS

You may be away from your home for an extended period and your property may be damaged. Grab any irreplaceable items that may provide comfort to your family, especially children.

- Books, puzzles and favorite stuffed toys
- Photo albums, valuables and jewelry