

General Sales and Use Tax Rates and Taxability

Welcome to General Sales and Use Tax Rates and Taxability

This bulletin provides important information about the August 2022 release of General Sales and Use Tax Rates and Taxability. Please review this bulletin carefully. If you have any questions, additional information is available on CCH [Support Online](#).

August Sales Tax Holidays

Arkansas – August 6 & 7, 2022

The following items will be exempt from state and local sales tax:

- Clothing with a sales price of less than \$100 per item
- Clothing accessories or equipment with a sales price of less than \$50 per item
- Specified school supplies, school art supplies and school instructional materials
- Electronic devices commonly used by a student in the course of study

https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/exciseTaxOffice/Sales_Tax_Holiday_Instructions_2022.pdf

Connecticut Tax Free Week - August 21 – 27, 2022

Sales of clothing and footwear costing less than \$100 per item are not subject to sales and use tax during the exclusion week. The exclusion applies to each item sold, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DRS/Sales-Tax/Examples-of-Clothing-and-Footwear-That-are-Exempt-During-Sales-Tax-Free-Week>

Florida Back to School – July 25 – August 7, 2022

During the sales tax holiday period, tax is not due on the retail sale of:

- Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories with a sales price of \$100 or less per item
- Certain school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less per item,
- Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less
- Personal computers and certain computer-related accessories with a sales price of \$1,500 or less, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use

https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_22A01-08.pdf

Illinois State Sales Tax Holiday - August 5 - 14, 2022

Eligible clothing and footwear with a selling price less than \$125 per item and eligible school supplies (with no threshold) will be subject to a reduced state sales tax rate of 1.25% (the full rate is 6.25%), while local taxes apply in full.

https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/research/publications/bulletins/Documents/2022/FY%202022-24_N0522.pdf

Iowa - August 5 & 6, 2022

No sales tax, including local option sales tax, will be collected on sales of an article of clothing or footwear having a selling price less than \$100. The exemption does not apply in any way to the price of an item selling for \$100 or more. The exemption applies to each article priced under \$100 regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

<https://tax.iowa.gov/iowas-annual-sales-tax-holiday>

Maryland - August 14 – 20, 2022

Qualifying apparel and footwear \$100 or less per item will be exempt from the state sales tax. The first \$40 of a backpack or book bag purchase is also exempt. Other than backpacks, accessory items are not included.

<https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/divisions/comp/peter-franchot.php#shoptaxfree>

Massachusetts – August 13 & 14, 2022

Most individual (non-business) purchases of items costing \$2,500 or less are exempt from sales and use tax. If you spend more than \$2,500 on an item, the entire amount paid for the item is subject to sales tax, not just the amount that exceeds that threshold. There is, however, an exemption with respect to clothing. An item of clothing is generally exempt from the sales tax unless the item costs more than \$175. If it does, only the amount over \$175 is subject to tax. If on the sales tax holiday, the price of an item of clothing exceeds \$2,500, the first \$175 is not subject to tax.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/sales-tax-holiday-frequently-asked-questions>

Mississippi Second Amendment – August 26 – 28, 2022

Sales tax is not due during the holiday on the sale of firearms, ammunition and certain hunting supplies, which are the following items when used for hunting: archery equipment, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery accessories, hearing protection, holsters, belts and slings. The sale of general hunting supplies is not exempt. Hunting supplies does not include animals used for hunting.

<https://www.dor.ms.gov/sites/default/files/Sales%20Folder/2022%20Second%20Amendment%20Sales%20Tax%20Holiday.pdf>

Missouri - August 5 – 7, 2022

Certain back-to-school purchases will be exempt from sales tax, including:

- Clothing with a taxable value of \$100 or less
- School supplies not to exceed \$50 per purchase
- Computer software with a taxable value of \$350 or less
- Personal computers and computer peripheral devices not to exceed \$1,500
- Graphing calculators not to exceed \$150

Many city, county and special district taxes will apply during this period.

<https://dor.mo.gov/taxation/business/tax-types/sales-use/holidays/back-to-school/>

New Jersey August 27 - September 5, 2022

The following items are exempt from sales tax when sold to an individual purchaser for non-business use:

- Computers with a sales price of less than \$3,000 per item
- School computer supplies with a sales price of less than \$1,000 per item
- School supplies
- School art supplies
- School instructional materials

- Sport or recreational equipment

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/businesses/salestax/salestaxholiday2022.shtml>

New Mexico Back to School - August 5 – 7, 2022

Gross receipts tax will not apply to:

- Clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100
- Desktop, laptop, tablets or notebook computers sold for no more than \$1,000
- Monitors, speakers and other related computer hardware sold for no more than \$500
- School supplies for use in standard, general-education classrooms under \$30
- Bookbags, backpacks, maps and globes under \$100
- Handheld calculators under \$200

<https://www.tax.newmexico.gov/news-alerts/tax-holiday/>

Ohio - August 5 – 7, 2022

During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

- Clothing priced at \$75 or less
- Specified school supplies and school instructional material priced at \$20 or less

Items used in trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday.

<https://tax.ohio.gov/help-center/faqs/sales-and-use-tax-sales-tax-holiday>

Oklahoma - August 5 – 7, 2022

Clothing and footwear selling for less than \$100 will be exempt from state and local sales taxes.

<https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/tax/documents/resources/publications/infographics/SalesTaxHolidaypdf.pdf>

South Carolina - August 5 – 7, 2022

State and local sales and use taxes will not be imposed on:

- Clothing, footwear, and clothing accessories (e.g., hats, neckties and scarves, and pocketbooks)
- School supplies (e.g., pens, pencils, paper, binders, notebooks, books, book bags, lunchboxes, and calculators)
- Computers, computer software, printers, and printer supplies
- Bed and bath supplies such as bath mats, shower curtains, towels and washcloths, bed spreads, blankets and throws, mattress pads and toppers, crib and bed linens, and pillows and pillow cases.

The sales tax holiday, however, does not apply to sales of jewelry, cosmetics, eyewear, wallets, watches, furniture, rental of clothing or footwear, items for use in business, or items placed on layaway or similar deferred payment and delivery plans.

<https://dor.sc.gov/taxfreeweekend>

Tennessee Food – August 1 - 31, 2022

Food and food ingredients may be purchased tax free. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, dietary supplements, and prepared food are not included in the holiday.

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/revenue/documents/notices/sales/sales22-10.pdf>

Texas - August 5 – 7, 2022

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes.

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-490/>

Virginia - August 5 – 7, 2022

During the sales tax holiday, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products without paying sales tax.

- School Supplies, Clothing, and Footwear:
 - Qualified school supplies - \$20 or less per item
 - Qualified clothing and footwear - \$100 or less per item
- Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Items:
 - Portable generators - \$1,000 or less per item
 - Gas-powered chainsaws - \$350 or less per item
 - Chainsaw accessories - \$60 or less per item
 - Other specified hurricane preparedness items - \$60 or less per item
- Energy Star and WaterSense Items:
 - Qualifying Energy Star™ or WaterSense™ products purchased for noncommercial home or personal use - \$2,500 or less per item

<https://www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday>

West Virginia – August 5 - 8, 2022

The following items are exempt from state and local sales and use tax:

- Clothing with a purchase price of \$125 or less
- School supplies with a purchase price of \$50 or less
- School instruction material with a purchase price of \$20 or less
- Laptop and tablet computers with a purchase price of \$500 or less
- Sports equipment with a purchase price of \$150 or less

Items purchased for use in a trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday.

<https://tax.wv.gov/Business/Pages/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx>

Updates and Changes

Baby Care Products Group

0117	BABY CARE PRODUCTS
003	BOTTLES AND NIPPLES
007	PACIFIERS AND TEETHING RINGS

Item 003, formerly bottles/nipples/pacifiers/teething rings/similar items, has been changes to bottles and nipples, and a new item 007 has been added for pacifiers and teething rings. All of these items were previously exempt in Manitoba and Minnesota but taxable everywhere else. Maryland added exemptions for baby bottles and nipples, but still taxes pacifiers and teething rings.

Tennessee Food – August 1 - 31, 2022

The data has been updated to reflect that most food items are exempt from the reduced state rate and regular local taxes.

Food and food ingredients may be purchased tax free. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, dietary supplements, and prepared food are not included in the holiday.

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/revenue/documents/notices/sales/sales22-10.pdf>

All other changes relate to rate and taxability updates.

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