

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 2023 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 5 & 6, 2023

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/excise-tax/sales-and-use-tax/sales-tax-holiday/>

Connecticut Tax Free Week - August 20 – 26, 2023

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 24 – August 6, 2023

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_23A01-06.pdf

Florida Disaster Preparedness – August 26 – September 8, 2023

During the sales tax holiday period, qualifying items related to disaster preparedness are exempt from sales tax. However, the sales tax holiday does not apply to the rental of any of the qualifying items. Additionally, the sales tax holiday does not apply to commercial purchases of eligible pet evacuation supplies or to sales in a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport.

Eligible items

- Sales price of \$20 or less: reusable ice (reusable ice packs)
- Sales price of \$40 or less: any portable self-powered light source (powered by battery, solar, hand-crank, or gas) - candles, flashlights, lanterns
- Sales price of \$50 or less: any gas or diesel fuel container, including LP gas and kerosene containers; batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only (excluding automobile and boat batteries): AAA-cell, AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, 9-volt; radios (powered by battery, solar, or hand-crank) - two-way, weather band
- Sales price of \$60 or less: coolers and ice chests (food-storage; nonelectrical); portable power bank
- Sales price of \$70 or less: carbon monoxide detectors; fire extinguishers; smoke detectors or smoke alarms
- Sales price of \$100 or less: bungee cords; ground anchor systems; ratchet straps; tarpaulins (tarps); tie-down kits; Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Sales price of \$3,000 or less: portable generators used to provide light or communications, or to preserve food in the event of a power outage

Note: Eligible light sources and radios qualify for the exemption even if electrical cords are also included.

Eligible Common Household Consumable Items

- Sales price of \$30 or less: Laundry detergent and supplies (powder, liquid or pod detergents; fabric softeners; dryer sheets; stain removers; bleach); other household supplies (toilet paper; paper towels; paper napkins and tissues; facial tissues; hand soap, bar soap, and body wash; sunscreen and sunblock; dish soap and detergents, including powder, liquid and pod detergents or rinse agents that can be used in dishwashers; cleaning or disinfecting wipes and sprays; hand sanitizer; trash bags)

Eligible Pet Evacuation Supplies

- Sales price of \$10 or less per can or pouch (or the equivalent if sold in a box or case): wet pet food
- Sales price of \$15 or less per item or package: cat litter pans; collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls; hamster or rabbit substrate; manual can openers; pet waste disposal bags
- Sales price of \$20 or less per item: collars; leashes; muzzles; pet pads
- Sales price of \$25 or less per item: cat litter weighing 25 lbs. or less
- Sales price of \$40 or less per item: pet beds
- Sales price of \$100 or less per item: bags of dry cat or dog food weighing 50 lbs. or less; pet carriers; portable kennels; over-the-counter pet medications

https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_23A01-02.pdf

Florida Freedom Summer Admissions and Outdoor Activities – May 29 – September 4, 2023

During this sales tax holiday period, admissions to music events, sporting events, cultural events, specified performances, movies, museums, state parks, and fitness facilities are exempt from sales tax. Also exempt from sales tax during this holiday period are eligible boating and water activity supplies, camping supplies, fishing supplies, general outdoor supplies, residential pool supplies, children's athletic equipment and children's toys. The sales tax holiday does not apply to rentals of eligible items or sales within a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport.

Eligible items

- Admissions to the following events or performances scheduled to be held between May 29, 2023 and December 31, 2023: live music events; live sporting events; movies to be shown in a movie theater; ballet; plays; musical theatre performances; fairs; festivals; cultural events; private and membership clubs providing physical fitness facilities
- Admissions purchased for any of the following: museums, including annual passes; state parks, including annual passes; season tickets for ballets, plays, music events, and musical theatre performances
- Boating and water activity supplies:
 - Sales price of \$25 or less: goggles; snorkels; swimming masks
 - Sales price of \$35 or less: inflatable chairs; pool floats; pool toys; recreational pool tubes
 - Sales price of \$50 or less: safety flares
 - Sales price of \$75 or less: coolers; oars; life jackets; paddles
 - Sales price of \$150 or less: inflatable recreational water tubes and floats capable of being towed; kneeboards; wakeboards; water skis
 - Sales price of \$300 or less: paddleboards; surfboards
 - Sales price of \$500 or less: canoes; kayaks
- Camping supplies:
 - Sales price of \$30 or less: camping lanterns; flashlights
 - Sales price of \$50 or less: camping stoves; collapsible camping chairs; portable hammocks; sleeping bags
 - Sales price of \$200 or less: tents
- Fishing supplies:
 - Sales price of \$5 or less if sold individually or \$10 or less if multiple items are sold together: bait; fishing tackle
 - Sales price of \$30 or less: tackle bags; tackle boxes
 - Sales price of \$75 or less if sold individually or \$150 or less if sold as a set: reels; rods

Note: excludes supplies used for commercial fishing purposes
- General outdoor supplies:
 - Sales price of \$15 or less: insect repellent; sunscreen; sunblock
 - Sales price of \$30 or less: water bottles
 - Sales price of \$50 or less: bicycle helmets (bicycle helmets marketed for use by youth are always exempt from sales tax); hydration packs
 - Sales price of \$100 or less: sunglasses (prescription sunglasses are always exempt from sales tax)
 - Sales price of \$200 or less: binoculars
 - Sales price of \$250 or less: outdoor gas or charcoal grills
 - Sales price of \$500 or less: bicycles

- Residential pool supplies
 - Sales price of \$100 or less: covers; filters; lights; nets; residential pool or spa replacement parts
 - Sales price of \$150 or less: residential pool and spa chemicals when purchased by an individual
- Children’s athletic equipment with a sales price of \$100 or less:
 - Athletic equipment designed or intended by the manufacturer and marketed for use by a child 12 years of age or younger when the child engages in an athletic activity.
- Children’s toys with a sales price of \$75 or less:
 - Consumer products designed or intended by the manufacturer and marketed for use by a child 12 years of age or younger when the child plays.

https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_23A01-03.pdf

Iowa - August 4 & 5, 2023

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 13 – 19, 2023

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://marylandtaxes.gov/divisions/comp/Shop_Maryland_Tax-free_Week/Tax_Free_Week_Faqs.pdf

Massachusetts – August 12 & 13, 2023

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 25 – 27, 2023

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 4 – 6, 2023

Certain back-to-school purchases will be exempt from state and local sales taxes, 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

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

New Jersey August 26 - September 4, 2023

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 art supplies
- School computer supplies with a sales price of less than \$1,000 per item
- School instructional materials
- School supplies
- Sport or recreational equipment

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

New Mexico Back to School - August 4 – 6, 2023

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 4 – 6, 2023

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 4 – 6, 2023

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 4 – 6, 2023

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>

Texas - August 11 – 13, 2023

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/>

West Virginia – August 4 - 7, 2023

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

Tennessee Food Sales Tax Holiday – August – October

Eligible food items normally subject to the reduced state rate will be exempt from state and local taxes August 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, dietary supplements, and prepared food are not included in the holiday.

New Items – Software Services

We have added taxability for the following new items in group 6028, software services: install canned:

Item	Item Description
010	IMPLEMENTATION SERVICE FOR SAAS
011	IMPLEMENTATION SERVICE FOR SAAS USED IN BUSINESS

All other changes relate to rate and taxability updates.

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