

Sales Tax Holiday on Emergency Preparation Supplies April 28-30, 2018

Hurricane Harvey was a poignant reminder that Texans must remain diligent and ready to respond to unpredictable and potentially dangerous weather events, especially along the coast. In 2015, I joined the Texas Legislature in helping citizens prepare for severe weather by providing relief from sales tax on certain supplies.

This year's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies falls on the weekend of April 28-30. There is no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase, which include:

- batteries, fuel containers, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, nonelectric coolers, tarps, flashlights, phone chargers, and many other supplies priced at less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300; and
- portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

A full list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the <u>Texas</u> Comptroller's website.

As with other Sales Tax Holidays, shoppers also often enjoy promotional pricing offered by retailers on eligible items resulting in an even greater savings for Texans.

Be sure to prepare and stock up on supplies now -- and remember to support our area businesses by shopping local!

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