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Mark Hurricane Preparedness Sale Tax Holiday on your calendar
Qualifying items have sales price of \$60 or less May 25 through May 31

NEW KENT VIRGINIA, MAY 5, 2010: Are you prepared for a hurricane in the coming months? If not, hurricane preparedness items may be purchased exempt of the retail sales and use tax during the "Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday" observed from May 25 to May 31 this year, provided that such items have a selling price of \$60 or less per item.

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs and reusable ice
- Batteries (excluding automobile or boat batteries), including AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt, 9 volt or cell phone batteries
- Any portable self-powered light sources including flashlights, lanterns, or glow sticks
- Tarpaulins, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Bungee cords, rope
- Ground anchor systems or tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers

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- Nonelectric food storage coolers
- Bottled water
- Manual can openers
- Portable self-powered radios (including self-powered radios with electrical power capability)
- Two-way radios
- Weather band radios and NOAA weather radios
- Storm shutter devices
- Cell phone chargers
- First Aid Kits

The following hurricane preparedness items may be purchased exempt of the retail sales and use tax during the "Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday," provided that such items have a selling price of \$1000 or less per item.

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables

The Virginia Department of Taxation's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines and Rules are available online at www.tax.virginia.gov/salestaxholiday.

For additional information on hurricane preparation, visit the Virginia Department of Emergency Management website at www.vaemergency.com.

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