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Sales Tax Holiday Tax Free Weekend:

August 7 - 9, 2026

In 2026, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 7, 8 and 9 – the state's annual tax holiday. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under $100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about $8 on every $100 they spend.

Subject to the criteria explained by visiting the website below: all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold over the Internet, television or by mail. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday

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Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane Season is June 1- Nov. 30.

Preparedness Checklist:

- **Make an Evacuation Plan.** Find activated evacuation routes here: **DriveTexas.org** or by dialing (800) 452-9292. Call **2-1-1** to find out if you live in an evacuation zone.
- **Sign-Up for Emergency Alerts.** Make sure your device is enabled to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs).
- **Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit.**
  Learn how to build an emergency kit here: **https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit**
- **Review Your Home Insurance Policy.**
- **Register with State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR):**
  https://stear.tdem.texas.gov/ or by dialing **2-1-1** if you live in evacuation zone and:
  - have a disability or medical needs and do not have a car or other vehicle to use in an evacuation.
  - have a disability or medical needs and do not have friends or family to help in an evacuation. ***STEAR Registry information collected is confidential***

Hurricane Preparedness Online Resources:

Texas Division of Emergency Management Website: **www.tdem.texas.gov**
Texas Department of State Health Services: **www.texasready.gov**
American Red Cross: **www.redcross.org**
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: **www.ready.gov**
Office of the Texas Governor Greg Abbott: **www.gov.texas.gov**

CAUTION!

School is Starting. Watch Out for Children.

Please be sure to follow school bus safety guidelines.

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