

Tax-free supplies

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Were you one of those people lined up last summer, gnashing your teeth as you searched stores for batteries, flashlights or a generator while (pick one or more) Frances, Jeanne, Ivan or Charley threatened South Florida? Your chance is coming to avoid that, and save a few dollars during the upcoming hurricane preparedness sales tax holiday.

These items will be exempt from any state or local sales tax between 12:01 a.m. June 1 and midnight June 12.

Items selling for \$20 or less:

- Battery-powered flashlights
- Battery-powered lanterns
- Any portable self-powered light source
- Gas-powered lanterns
- Candles

Qualifying items for \$25 or less:

- Any gas or diesel fuel container

Qualifying items selling for \$30 or less:

- Batteries, including rechargeable (listed sizes only) AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt (excluding automobile and boat batteries), 9-volt (excluding automobile and boat batteries.)
- Coolers (food storage; nonelectrical)
- Ice chests (food storage; nonelectrical)
- First-aid kits (first-aid kits are always exempt from sales tax, regardless of the sales price)

Qualifying items selling for \$50 or less:

- Radios (self- or battery-powered)
- Two-way radios (self- or battery-powered)
- Weather band radios (self- or battery-powered)
- Tarpaulins

- Flexible waterproof sheeting (such as Visqueen)
- Ground anchor systems
- Tie-down kits

Qualifying item selling for \$750 or less:

- Portable generator that will be used to provide light or communications, or to preserve perishable food in the event of a power outage owing to a hurricane.

Source: Florida Department Of Revenue