

For Immediate Release

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Cameron County Judge

TEXAS' EMERGENCY PREPARATION SUPPLIES SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Beginning on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. and continuing through Monday, April 25, 2022, at midnight, emergency supplies are sales tax-free in Texas. With hurricane season forthcoming for the Rio Grande Valley, it is time to be prepared and purchase the necessary supplies to remain safe.

These emergency preparation supplies qualify for tax exemption if purchased for a sales price:

- Less than \$3000
- Portable generators
- Less than \$300
- Emergency ladders and hurricane shutters.
- Less than \$75
- Axes, batteries, single or multipack (AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt or 9 volt), can openers nonelectric, carbon monoxide detectors, coolers and ice chests for food storage nonelectric, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, fuel containers, ground anchor systems and tiedown kits, hatchets, ice products reusable and artificial, light sources portable self-powered (including battery operated), examples of items include: candles, flashlights and lanterns, mobile telephone batteries and mobile telephone chargers, radios portable self-powered (including battery operated) includes two-way and weather band radios, smoke detectors, and tarps and other plastic sheeting.

Visit <u>comptroller.texas.gov</u> to view the qualifying list of items, supplies that do not qualify for tax exemption, and information regarding online purchases and telephone orders. There are no limits on the number of qualifying items you can purchase, and no exemption certificates are needed.

"With hurricane season beginning June 1st and early predictions of above normal tropical depression activity, I encourage everyone to take advantage of this sales tax-free holiday and purchase the necessary supplies. Should you need any assistance during the upcoming hurricane season, please do not hesitate to contact our Office of Emergency Management & Fire Marshal Service at (956) 547-7000. Take care of yourselves and each other," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

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