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County Judge

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**TEXAS' EMERGENCY PREPARATION SUPPLIES
SALES TAX-FREE HOLIDAY**

Effective tomorrow, Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 12:01 a.m. and continuing through Monday, April 24, 2023, 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 tie-down 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 comptroller.texas.gov 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.

“I encourage all residents to purchase any needed emergency supplies ahead of hurricane season which begins June 1st. Please take advantage of this sales tax-free holiday, make a plan, and get your home ready ahead of South Texas’ tropical storm activity. 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. Follow us on social media channels for related information and updates,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

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