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County Judge

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**TEXAS' EMERGENCY PREPARATION SUPPLIES
SALES TAX-FREE HOLIDAY WEEKEND APRIL 27-29, 2024**

Effective tomorrow, Saturday, April 27-29, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. and continuing through Monday, April 29, 2024, 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 prepare now for hurricane season, which begins June 1st," said Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. "Take advantage of the sales tax-free holiday to stock up on emergency supplies. Make an emergency plan and get your home ready before any windstorms hit South Texas. Contact the Office of Emergency Management & Fire Marshal Service at (956) 547-7000 if you need assistance preparing for hurricane season." Follow us on social media for related updates.

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