



Save money on select appliances during 2025 Shop Maryland Energy Weekend, February 15 through February 17!

What is Shop Maryland Energy Weekend?

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend is an annual three-day period in February when Maryland's sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of solar water heaters and certain Energy Star products.

When is Shop Maryland Energy Weekend 2025?

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend 2025 begins at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, February 15 and continues through 11:59 p.m. Monday, February 17, 2025.

What can you buy tax-free during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend?

The sales and use tax does not apply to solar water heaters or to the following products Energy Star products during Shop Maryland Energy weekend:

- air conditioners
- clothes washers
- clothes dryers
- furnaces
- heat pumps
- standard size refrigerators
- compact fluorescent light bulbs
- dehumidifiers
- boilers
- programmable thermostats

How can I find Energy Star products?

When you shop for a qualifying Energy Star product, look for the Energy Star label. The Energy Star logo is on all qualified products that meet specific standards for energy efficiency. But remember, only the specific items listed above qualify for the Shop Maryland Energy Weekend savings. Search for Energy Star products by visiting www.energystar.gov.

Will used items also be exempt?

Energy Star products or solar water heaters that are listed as exempt will not be subject to sales and use tax during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend, whether the item is new or used.

Can commercial customers enjoy tax savings on Energy Star products?

Yes. Qualifying products are tax-free to all buyers during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend.

Does the tax exemption only apply to qualifying purchases made in-person or does it also apply to online purchases?

The sales and use tax exemption applies to qualifying purchases made in-person or online, provided that the seller has acted to immediately fill the order and the buyer has paid for the product during the Shop Maryland Energy Weekend. Transactions for back-ordered products where the buyer is not billed until the product ships do not qualify for the exemption.

What if I need to exchange a qualifying product outside of the tax-free period?

If a qualifying product purchased during the tax-free weekend is exchanged for the same product, no additional tax will be due. However, if the customer returns the product after the tax-free period and receives credit toward the purchase of a different product, the sale and use tax will apply to the total sales price of the newly purchased item.

Is there a limit to the number of qualifying products I can buy during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend?

No, there is no limit to the number of qualifying products you can buy tax-free during the tax-free period.

What if I was mistakenly charged the sales and use tax on a qualifying item?

If you are charged tax on a qualifying product, you can request a refund from the Comptroller. Information about refund claim applications can be found by visiting <https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/individual/sales-use/filing/sales-use-refund.php> or by calling the agency at 1-800-MD-TAXES (1-800-638-2937).

As a retailer, do I have to obtain an exemption certificate from my customer to make a tax-free sale of an energy efficient appliance?

No. The buyer does not need to present an exemption certificate or other document to claim the exemption.

What kind of records must vendors and buyers maintain?

Both vendor and buyer must keep a record of the transaction for four years from the date of purchase. This requirement is in addition to all other record-keeping requirements under Maryland law.

How much tax revenue does Maryland lose during the tax-free period?

There are estimates Marylanders save (and the state loses) more than \$800,000 in sales and use taxes during Shop Maryland Energy, through purchase of Energy Star products, and that translates into additional savings through lower utility bills. Savings on appliances are also expected to generate revenue through other spending.

For more details about Shop Maryland Energy Weekend, including additional details for vendors, commercial buyers, and special situations like rental and layaway purchases, visit marylandtaxes.gov and search Shop Maryland Energy Weekend.

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