

News Release

Comptroller Lierman Announces Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week

State will Suspend 6% Sales Tax on Qualifying Items Under \$100 August 11 – 17, 2024

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 1, 2024) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today announced the return of Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week Sunday, August 11 through Saturday, August 17. During Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, shoppers will not pay Maryland’s 6% sales tax on clothing and shoes under \$100 or the first \$40 for backpack sales. The annual sales tax holiday begins the second Sunday in August and coincides with the time many Maryland families shop for items ahead of the new school year.

“Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week is a great time for shoppers to save money on essential items and help their budgets stretch further, especially as we continue to grapple with rising prices and consumers feel like they are paying more for less,” Comptroller Lierman said. My hope is that this temporary relief helps boost customer traffic and sales for our local businesses and purchasing power for shoppers in Maryland.”

Between August 11 and August 17, any single qualifying article of clothing or footwear priced at \$100 or less will be exempt from sales tax, regardless of the number of items purchased.

“Maryland retailers are the backbone of our state’s economy,” said Cailey Locklair, President of the Maryland Retailers Alliance. “Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week is an opportunity for shoppers from Maryland and beyond to save money and support their community by checking out their nearest retailers, as well as restaurants, entertainment venues, and other local businesses with the money they save.”

For online purchases, items qualify for the sales tax exemption if they are paid for and delivered or paid for and accepted for immediate shipment during the tax-free period.

Find more information about [Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week in our Frequently Asked Questions document](#)

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