



Department of  
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## Ohio's First Sales Tax Holiday is Near

*Tax Commissioner Joe Testa Reminds Ohioans about the Tax Free Weekend*

COLUMBUS, Ohio – July 29, 2015 – Ohio back-to-school shoppers can soon cash-in on the state's first sales tax holiday. The one-time holiday, enacted by Senate Bill 243 which was sponsored by State Senator Kevin Bacon, starts at 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 7, 2015 and runs till 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 9, 2015.

During those three days, the following items will be exempt from the combined state and local sales and use tax:

- Clothing priced at \$75.00 per item or less;
- School supplies priced at \$20.00 per item or less; and
- School instructional material priced at \$20.00 per item or less.

There is no limit on the quantity of items purchased. Merchandise bought for use in a trade or business is not eligible for the sales tax holiday.

Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa says this occasion will help people stretch their dollars, "As the new school year approaches additional expenses can put a strain on family budgets. This sales tax holiday will give back-to-school shoppers a break from paying sales tax, and let Ohio families save some money."

In addition to in-store sales, the tax free holiday also applies to eligible items purchased online, by mail, telephone or e-mail. To qualify, the order must be placed, paid for and accepted by the retailer for immediate shipment during the sales tax holiday, though actual delivery can be completed after the exemption period.

For additional information, frequently asked questions, and a detailed list of items that qualify for the exemption, please visit the Ohio Department of Taxation's [Sales Tax Holiday](#) webpage.

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