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### **HURRICANE SUPPLY SALES TAX HOLIDAY RUNS MAY 31 – JUNE 8**

~Florida Families Urged to Purchase Eligible Items in Preparation for Hurricane Season ~

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – National Hurricane Preparedness Week runs from May 25 to May 31, 2014, and emergency officials urge all Floridians to review, restock, and replace items in their disaster supply kit for the start of the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Governor Scott signed a bill that creates a sales tax holiday for hurricane preparedness supply items starting tomorrow, May 31 and running through June 8.

“The sales tax holiday for hurricane preparedness supplies will make preparing for this year’s hurricane season easier for all Floridians,” said FDEM Director Bryan W. Koon. “By keeping money in Floridian’s pockets while encouraging them to prepare, we ensure Florida is ready for all hazards and continues to be the best state in the nation to work, live and play.”

Building a disaster supply kit is a simple and effective way to make sure a family has enough water, food, medicine and other essential supplies when other resources may not be readily available. Different families have different needs, so residents need to be sure to take into account their family’s specific needs, and include:

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing
- First Aid Kit / Medicines
- Special Items - for children and the elderly
- Toiletries
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Keys
- Toys, Books, and Games
- Important documents
- Tools
- Full vehicle fuel tanks
- Pet care items

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The 2014 Sales Tax Holiday for Hurricane Supplies will run from May 31 through June 8. The specific items included in the Sales Tax Holiday include:

- A portable self-powered light source selling for \$20 or less
- A portable self-powered radio, two-way radio, or weather band radio selling for \$50 or less
- A tarpaulin or other flexible waterproof sheeting selling for \$50 or less
- A self-contained first-aid kit selling for \$30 or less
- A ground anchor system or tie-down kit selling for \$50 or less
- A gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less
- A package of AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt batteries, excluding automobile and boat batteries, selling for \$30 or less
- A nonelectric food storage cooler selling for \$30 or less
- A portable generator that is used to provide light or communications or preserve food in the event of a power outage selling for \$750 or less
- Reusable ice selling for \$10 or less

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 – November 30. For the latest information on the 2014 Hurricane Season and to Get A Plan!, visit [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org), follow FDEM on social media on Twitter at @FLGetaPlan, Instagram @FLGetaPlan, Vine @FLGetaPlan, and Facebook [Facebook.com/FloridaDivisionofEmergencyManagement](https://www.facebook.com/FloridaDivisionofEmergencyManagement) and [Facebook.com/KidsGetAPlan](https://www.facebook.com/KidsGetAPlan).

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