



# News Release

## Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Visits Local Retailer Ahead of Shop Maryland Energy Weekend

***State to waive 6% sales tax on qualifying appliances February 15 - February 17, 2025***

**JESSUP, Md. (February 14, 2025)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Friday marked the kick-off of Shop Maryland Energy Weekend with a visit to the ABW Appliances showroom in Jessup, Maryland. Shop Maryland Energy, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on February 15, 2025, and runs through 11:59 p.m. on February 17, 2025, is an opportunity for Marylanders to buy qualifying energy-efficient appliances without paying the state's 6% sales tax.

"If you are looking to purchase a new appliance, Shop Maryland Energy Weekend is an ideal time to make that big purchase to save upfront while also long-term savings on your energy bill and decreasing your impact on the environment. These benefits are valuable, especially as Marylanders are paying more for necessities, including gas and electricity," Comptroller Lierman said. "This sales tax holiday is designed to encourage Marylanders to make the switch to more energy-efficient appliances. Each purchase brings us closer to reducing our environmental impact and reaching our climate goals."

Comptroller Lierman was joined by Ryan Simon, CEO of ABW Appliances, and Lori Kleppin, director of membership and external affairs for the Howard County Chamber of Commerce.

During Shop Maryland Energy weekend some manufacturers, retailers, and utility companies may offer additional incentives for the purchase of qualifying products.

"We appreciate the tax-free incentives provided by Shop Maryland Energy Weekend and the business it drives for Maryland businesses at this time of year," Maryland Retailers Alliance President Cailey Locklair shared. "This is a winning proposition for customers, retailers, and the environment, and we are proud to support the Comptroller and Maryland businesses in this effort."

Eligible ENERGY STAR appliances include: air conditioners, washers and dryers, standard size refrigerators, furnaces, heat pumps, boilers, compact fluorescent light bulbs, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats. Solar water heaters are tax-exempt year-round. To receive the [ENERGY STAR label](#), a product must meet strict standards for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The tax-free weekend for energy-efficient appliances began in 2011 and there are estimates Maryland loses \$800,000 in direct sales and tax revenue on eligible purchases every year.

Marylanders can learn more about Shop Maryland Energy Weekend by viewing the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

[Download the social media toolkit here.](#)

Join the conversation on social media with the hashtag #ShopMD to post pictures, find events, and engage with others interested in shopping sustainably.

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