



# News Release

## Comptroller Lierman Announces 2025 Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week

*State to kick off sales tax holiday on August 10*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 5, 2025)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today announced the state's annual sales tax holiday on select items will begin Sunday, August 10, 2025. [Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week](#) will run through Saturday, August 16.

During Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, shoppers do not pay the state's 6% sales and use tax for clothing and shoes priced under \$100 and the first \$40 for backpacks purchased during this period. The sales tax will be waived regardless of the number of items purchased.

"As costs continue to go up, shopping during the sales tax holiday is a great way to keep money in the pockets of hardworking Marylanders and help their budgets go further," Comptroller Lierman said. "I encourage everyone to shop in Maryland during the sales tax holiday, save money where you can, and support the local businesses that keep our state economy moving forward."

The annual sales tax holiday was established by state law in 2007 and coincides with the weeks leading up to the start of a new school year in Maryland.

"Shop Tax Free Week is more than a 6% discount; it is an opportunity to support local businesses, ease the financial burden on families preparing for the school year, and keep hard-earned dollars circulating in our communities," said Cailey Locklair, President of the Maryland Retailers Alliance. "By shopping local and tax-free, we invest in our neighborhoods, strengthen our economy, and ensure a bright and affordable future for everyone."

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