



News Release

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend Set for February 14 through February 16, 2026

*Marylanders invited to save on qualifying EnergyStar appliances during tax
holiday*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (February 4, 2026) — Maryland will waive the state’s 6% sales tax on qualifying Energy Star appliances during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend, which returns February 14 through February 16, 2026.

“We are waiving the state’s 6% sales tax on qualifying Energy Star appliances to deliver real savings to Maryland families that can help offset increasing household costs on everyday items and higher utility bills,” **said Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman.** “I encourage Marylanders to consider purchasing any needed new appliances during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend to take advantage of lower upfront costs and long-term energy savings.”

The state’s sales tax exemption applies to both new and used qualifying products when purchased online or in person during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend. Maryland forgoes an estimated \$800,000 in tax revenue annually during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend.

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 energy-efficiency standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. on February 14 and runs through 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2026.

Tax-free weekend for energy-efficient appliances began in 2011. Estimates indicate that Maryland loses \$800,000 in direct sales and tax revenue on eligible purchases every year.

“Maryland’s Energy Star tax-free weekend is a win for both consumers and retailers. It helps families save money on energy-efficient appliances while encouraging smarter purchases that lower utility bills and reduce energy use over time,” said **Cailey Locklair, President of the Maryland Retailers Alliance.**

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

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