



News Release

Comptroller Lierman Reminds Marylanders to Take Advantage of Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week Beginning Sunday

*Annual sales tax holiday helps families save on back-to-school clothing,
footwear, and backpacks*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 7, 2026) — Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today reminded Marylanders that Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week begins this Sunday, August 9, giving families an opportunity to save money as they prepare for the new school year while supporting local retailers.

From 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 9, through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 15, qualifying clothing and footwear priced at \$100 or less per item are exempt from Maryland's 6% sales tax. The first \$40 of the purchase price of a backpack or bookbag is also exempt from sales tax. Eligible purchases made online at Maryland retailers during the tax-free period also qualify for the exemption.

"As families across Maryland prepare for the school year, every dollar matters," said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. "Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week helps parents stretch their budgets while encouraging Marylanders to support the local businesses that strengthen our communities. Whether you are shopping for back-to-school essentials or updating your own wardrobe, this week is a great time to save."

Marylanders can also win up to \$1,000 by participating in the Maryland Tax-Free Week Video Contest, sponsored and administered by the Maryland Retailers Alliance in partnership with the Comptroller of Maryland. Contest instructions, eligibility information, and the entry form can be found on the [Comptroller of Maryland Programs website](#). Entries must be submitted by the August 12 deadline.

For a complete list of qualifying and non-qualifying items, frequently asked questions, and additional information about Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, [visit the Comptroller of Maryland's website](#).

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