# 2012 Sales Tax Holiday 

TIP \#12A01-02

## The $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ Florida Legislature passed and the Governor approved a tax-free period that states:

No sales tax shall be collected on the sale of clothing, wallets, or bags, including handbags, backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags, but excluding briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags, having a sales price of $\$ 75$ or less per item, or on sales of certain school supplies having a sales price of $\$ 15$ or less per item for the period beginning 12:01 a.m. on August 3, 2012, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on August 5, 2012.
"Clothing" means any article of wearing apparel, including all footwear (except skis, swim fins, roller blades, and skates), intended to be worn on or about the human body. However, "clothing" does not include watches, watchbands, jewelry, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, or sporting equipment.
"School supplies" means pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue, paste, rulers, computer disks, protractors, compasses, and calculators.

The following is a list of clothing and accessory items and their taxable ( T ) or exempt ( E ) status during the tax-free period if they are sold for $\mathbf{\$ 7 5}$ or less. (This list is not all inclusive.)

| T/E | Item T=Taxable E= Exempt | T/E | Item T=Taxable E= Exempt | T/E | Item T=Taxable E=Exempt |
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| A |  | E | Braces and supports worn to correct or alleviate a physical incapacity or injury* | F |  |
| T | Accessories (generally) | E | alleviate a physical incapacity or injury* Bras | E | Fanny packs |
| E | - Barrettes and bobby pins | T | Briefcases | T | Fins |
| E | - Belt buckles |  |  | T | Fishing boots (waders) |
| E | - Bow ties |  | C | E | Fishing vests (non-flotation) |
| E | - Hair nets, bows, clips, and bands | E | Caps and hats | T | Football pads |
| E | - Handbags | T | Checkbook covers (separate from wallets) | E | Formal clothing (purchased) |
| T | - Handkerchiefs | T | Chest protectors | T | Formal clothing (rented) |
| T | - Jewelry | E | Choir and altar clothing* |  | G |
| T | - Key cases | E | Cleated and spiked shoes |  |  |
| E | - Neckwear | E | Clerical vestments* | T | Garment bags |
| E | - Ponytail holders | T | Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other | E | Gloves (generally) |
| E | - Scarves |  | fabrics | T | - Baseball |
| E | - Ties | T | Clothing repair items such as thread, buttons, | T | - Batting |
| E | - Wallets |  | tapes, iron-on patches, zippers | T | - Bicycle |
| T | - Watch bands | E | Coats and wraps | E | - Dress (purchased) |
| T | - Watches | E | Coin purses | E | - Garden |
| E | Aerobic/Fitness clothing | T | Corsages and boutonnieres | T | - Golf |
| E | Aprons/Clothing shields | T | Cosmetic bags | T | - Hockey |
| T | Athletic gloves | E | Costumes | E | - Leather |
| T | Athletic pads | E | Coveralls | T | - Rubber |
| E | Athletic supporters | T | Crib blankets | T | - Surgical |
|  | B |  | D | T | - Tennis <br> - Work |
| E | Baby clothes | E | Diaper bags | T | Goggles (except prescription*) |
| E | Backpacks | E | Diapers, diaper inserts (adult and baby, cloth | E | Graduation caps and gowns |
| E | Bandanas |  | or disposable) | E | Gym suits and uniforms |
| E | Baseball cleats | T | Diving suits (wet and dry) |  | H |
| E | Bathing suits, caps, and cover-ups | E | Dresses |  | $\boldsymbol{H}$ |
| E | Belt buckles | T | Duffel bags | E | Hair nets, bows, clips, and bands |
| E | Belts |  |  | E | Handbags and purses |
| T | Belts for weightlifting |  | E | T | Handkerchiefs |
| E | Bibs | T | Elbow pads | T | Hard hats |
| E | Blouses | E | Employee uniforms | E | Hats |
| E | Book bags |  |  | T | Helmets (bike, baseball, football, hockey, |
| E | Boots (except ski boots) |  |  |  | motorcycle, sports) |
| E | Bowling shoes (purchased) |  |  | E | Hosiery, including support hosiery |
| T | Bowling shoes (rented) |  |  | E | Hunting vests |
| E | Bow ties |  |  |  |  |

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tem T=Taxable E= Exempt
I-J
T Ice skates
T In-line skates
E Insoles
E Jackets
E Jeans
T Jewelry

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Key chains |
| T | Knee pads |

L

| E | Lab coats |
| :--- | :--- |
| E | Leg warmers |
| E | Leotards and tights |
| T | Life jackets and vests |
| E | Lingerie |
| T | Luggage |

## M-N

T Makeup bags
E Martial arts attire
E Neckwear and ties

|  | O-P |
| :--- | :--- |
| E | Overshoes and rubber shoes |
| T | Pads (football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, |
|  | shoulder) |
| T | Paint or dust masks |
| E | Pants |
| E | Pantyhose |
| T | Patterns |
| T | Protective masks (athletic) |
| E | Purses |

## R

E Raincoats, rain hats, and ponchos
E Receiving blankets
E Religious clothing*
T Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
T Repair of wearing apparel
E Robes
T Roller blades
T Roller skates

## S

## E Safety clothing

T Safety glasses (except prescription*)
E Safety shoes
E Scarves
E Scout uniforms
T Shaving kits/bags
E Shawls and wraps
T Shin guards and padding

## School Supplies

T/E Item $\mathrm{T}=$ Taxable $\mathrm{E}=$ Exempt
The following is a list of school supplies and their taxable status if they are sold for $\$ 15$ or less during the tax-exemption period.

## E Binders

E Calculators
E Cellophane (transparent) tape
E Colored pencils
E Compasses
E Composition books
E Computer disks (blank CDs only)
T Computer paper
E Construction paper
T Correction tape, fluid, or pens
E Crayons
E Erasers
E Folders
E Glue (stick and liquid)
E Highlighters
T Jump drives and flash drives
E Legal pads
E Lunch boxes
E Markers
T Masking tape
E Notebook filler paper
E Notebooks
E Paste
E Pencils, including mechanical and refills
E Pens, including felt, ballpoint, fountain, highlighters, and refills
E Poster board
E Poster paper
T Printer paper
E Protractors
E Rulers
E Scissors
T Staplers
T Staples
T Toner and ink cartridges

## Books

Books are NOT exempt from tax during the 2012
Sales Tax Holiday except those books that are always exempt, such as Bibles.

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