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ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES VIRGINIA'S HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY MAY 25, 2013 – MAY 31, 2013

Orange County, VA – Orange County announces the State of Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday which will be held May 25, 2013 – May 31, 2013. During this Sales Tax Holiday consumers will not pay sales tax on many supplies that can be used to protect their homes and businesses during Hurricane's and Tropical Storm events. Many useful items qualify for the temporary sales tax exemption.

Items that qualify that have a sales price of \$60 or less include:

- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
- Batteries, excluding car or boat batteries
- Portable self-powered light sources, including flashlights and lanterns and glow sticks
- First aid kits
- Cell phone chargers
- Weather Band Radios and NOAA Weather Radios
- Portable self-powered radios, including radios with electrical power capability
- Bottled water of any size, including flavored and carbonated
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths
- Bungee cords and rope
- Ground anchor systems or tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers such as buckets, barrels, canteens, coolers

Items that qualify that have a sales price of \$1,000 or less include:

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables.

Retail outlets around the Commonwealth will have information about the tax holiday. Additional information can also be obtained online at: <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=STHoliday>.

For information about getting ready for hurricane and flooding season in Virginia, please visit www.ReadyVirginia.gov and www.ListoVirginia.gov.

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