

REP. GONZALES ANNOUNCES SALES TAX HOLIDAY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS THIS WEEKEND



McAllen - State Representative Veronica Gonzales (D-McAllen) announced that a sales tax holiday for energy-efficient products will take place during the Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26. Texas consumers will get a break from state and local sales and use taxes on a variety of energy-efficient products, including household appliances.

"Anticipating the higher summer energy bills now is a great time to invest in energy-saving appliances," Gonzales said. Appliances that have earned the Energy Star label from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency use 10-50 percent less energy and water than other models. "Purchasing energy efficient appliances during the holiday tax-free weekend makes both environmental and economic sense," said Gonzales. "It is an opportunity to combine both the immediate tax savings on purchases and the long-term savings on energy bills for years to come."

The holiday applies to Energy Star-rated products certified by the US Department of Energy. Products eligible for exemption from sales tax May 24-26 include refrigerators priced less than \$2,000, dishwashers, clothes washers, compact fluorescent light bulbs, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats and air conditioners not exceeding \$6,000. Delivery and installation charges may also qualify for the exemption, depending on the appliance.

For a detailed list of exempted products and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the sales tax holiday visit:

http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/sales/faq_energystar.html

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