

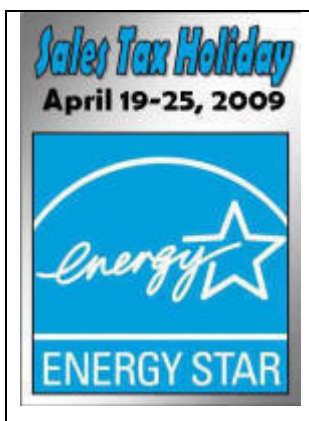


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The Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday: Saving Money, Saving Energy

Recently, many families around Missouri have been making efforts to be more environmentally aware. For some, this involves taking the time to recycle or trying to reduce their fuel usage by carpooling. Legislation we passed last year is now providing families with another option for making their daily habits more “green,” while also saving money.



The Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday runs from April 19-25, and exempts any purchases of “Energy Star” appliances from state sales tax—a savings of 4.225 percent. Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. The program allows manufacturers of appliances to voluntarily use the label on selected appliances meeting certain criteria. The label promotes specific appliances that perform as well as or better than similar appliances while using less energy.

According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, most of the energy used in a home comes from burning fossil fuels, which increases greenhouse gas emissions. Using energy-efficient appliances reduces these emissions. In addition, the department says that Energy Star-certified appliances could save families in the state about a third on their energy bills.

Energy Star-certified appliances that qualify for the sales tax exemption include: clothes washers, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, and heat pumps. The sales tax exemption only applies to the first \$1,500 on each appliance. If an appliance costs more than \$1,500, the regular sales tax rate will be in effect for any of the purchase price above \$1,500. Clothes dryers, trash compactors, conventional ovens, ranges, and stoves do not qualify for the exemption because they do not qualify for an Energy Star rating. Lighting fixtures, office equipment, home electronics, and other non-appliance Energy Star labeled-products are also not eligible for the sales tax exemption.

Some consumers might be able to save additional dollars from local entities participating in the holiday. In Southeast Missouri, participating cities include: Fredericktown, Jackson, Marble Hill, and Perryville. The taxing district of Town Plaza CID in Cape Girardeau is also participating. All other cities have chosen to opt out of the green tax savings.

Additional information regarding the Show-Me Green Sales Tax Holiday can be obtained at <http://dor.mo.gov/tax/business/sales/taxholiday/green/>.

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