

Are you ready?? Back-to-School Tax-Free Days & Deals

It's hard to believe but retailers are getting ready for Backto-School sales, and many states are helping by offering tax-free days. Make sure to look for promotions and advertisements prior to these days to know if a retailer is indeed participating and support small businesses in your community if possible.

Upcoming Tax-Free Days

- <u>Maryland Tax Free Week:</u> August 8 -14, 2021 Qualifying Clothing, Shoes, Coats, School Uniforms (Up to \$100 per item), Backpacks (Includes up to first \$40).
- <u>West Virginia Sales Tax Holiday:</u> July 30-August 2, 2021

Qualifying Clothing, Shoes, School Supplies, Instructional Materials, Laptops, Tablets, Computers and Sports Equipment

• <u>Virginia 3-Day Sales Tax Holiday:</u> August 6-8, 2021

Qualifying Clothing, Shoes, Rain Gear, School Uniforms, & Costumes (\$100 or less per item), Excludes Sports Equipment, Protective Gear, and Jewelry. Virginia is also including items for emergency preparedness, and Energy Star[™] and WaterSense[™] products during this period.

Pennsylvania will not be having a tax-free holiday. All backto-school purchases during July and August will be subject to the normal combined state, county and city tax rate.

What to purchase and best places?

Compared to last year, there will be fewer purchases geared toward virtual learning and home setups. However, this means the return of more traditional school supplies – and maybe larger quantities of it. Still cautious, schools may ask students to have their own school supplies and refrain from sharing if possible. Cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers as well as tissues could be items that each student must have available.

The best places to purchase these items will be stores such as Walmart, Target, and Staples. Grocery stores, dollar stores, and pharmacies will provide back-to-school items at discounted prices during this time too.

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