



## Hurricane sales tax holiday begins May 29

We in northern Louisiana aren't in line to catch the business end of hurricanes, but Hurricanes Gustav, Ike and others have shown that they can still pack a punch with winds and flooding, even as they move across our region.

And once again this year, Louisianians can get a tax break on May 29 and May 30 when buying emergency supplies.

The 2010 Louisiana Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday exempts the 4 percent state sales tax on qualifying supplies. The exemption applies to the first \$1,500 of the sales price of each of the following items: self-powered light sources such as flashlights and candles; portable self-powered radios, two-way radios and weather-band radios; tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting; ground anchor systems or tie-down kits; gas or diesel fuel tanks; batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 6-volt or 9-volt; automobile and boat batteries aren't eligible); cellular phone batteries and chargers; non-electric food storage coolers; portable generators; storm shutter devices (materials and products manufactured, rated and marketed specifically for the purposes of preventing window damage from storms); carbon monoxide detectors; and Blue ice products.

Remember, local sales taxes still apply.

Items purchased at airports, convenience stores, entertainment complexes or at hotels or other public lodging establishments aren't eligible for a tax exemption under the Louisiana Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday.

For more information, go to the 2010 Louisiana Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday page at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov).

Business women: The Monroe-West Monroe Business and Professional Women has scheduled its installation of officers at its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at The Atrium hotel in Monroe.

Officers to be installed include: Janis Guyton, president; Rhonda Counselman, vice president; Lillian Brown, recording secretary; and Debbie Dukes, treasurer.

RSVP: Peggy Wells, 665-5516.

Business seminar: The Louisiana Department of Revenue has scheduled a free seminar to help business operators understand the basics of collecting and reporting sales tax at 2 p.m. Thursday at the department's Monroe office on 122 St. John St.

Registration/information: 362-3151.

Chamber luncheon: The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a legislative update luncheon featuring Barry Erwin, chief executive of Council for a Better Louisiana, and Jim Brandt, president of Public Affairs Research, at 11:30 a.m. May 18 at the Monroe Civic Center in the Bayou Room.

Registration: Daphne McClish, 807-4018.

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