

# Alabama's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

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**12:01 a.m. 3rd Friday in July:** The time the sales tax holiday starts each year. The tax-free weekend ends at **midnight of the 3rd Sunday in July**. Shop early or late at stores with extended hours to beat the crowds.

**10%** Many cities and counties will also waive their local tax, meaning a savings of up to 10 percent in those Alabama localities.

**18** The number of states, including Alabama, with a back-to-school sales tax holiday.

**\$750 OR LESS** Single purchases of computers, tablets, e-readers and computer equipment with this selling price are tax free.



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The number of years Alabama has had a back-to-school sales tax holiday. The first sales tax holiday was in August 2006. The tax holiday moved to July in 2017.

**4%** The amount of tax saved statewide on the qualified items

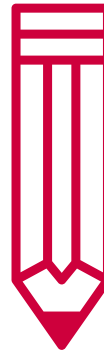
## MORE THAN 300

The number of cities and counties that usually participate in the sales tax holiday. Thirty days out, cities and counties must notify the state of their plans to add their savings to the tax holiday.

## \$50 OR LESS

Each of the qualified school supplies can cost this amount and still be tax free. Not every item on a school's supply list will be tax free. A "school supply" for this purpose is one of 27 specific items commonly used by a student in a course of study. Tissues and wipes, for instance, which are on almost all schools' supply lists, are NOT tax free. Find the all-inclusive list at

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For more sales tax holiday resources visit:

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There you will find a quick reference sheet of tax-exempt items, a full list of the participating cities and counties, plus other items to help guide you through the tax holiday.



## \$100 OR LESS

Value of each item of clothing (including diapers) customers can buy tax free during the weekend.

**\$30 OR LESS** Each book can be this much, and buyers pay no sales tax. Textbooks valued at \$50 or less also can be purchased tax free.

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