

News Release

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend Returns to Maryland

Marylanders invited to shop tax-free for qualifying EnergyStar appliances from February 17 to February 19

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (February 14, 2024) — Today, **Comptroller Brooke Lierman** announced that Shop Maryland Energy Weekend will return from February 17 to February 19. Throughout the weekend, Maryland waives the 6% sales tax for qualifying Energy Star products, helping consumers save money while investing in the environment.

“We all have a role to play in creating a cleaner, greener world for future generations. Shop Maryland Energy Weekend is an opportunity for Marylanders to fight climate change and protect our planet by prioritizing savings and sustainability,” **Comptroller Lierman** explained. “Climate resiliency is crucial to grow Maryland’s economy, create jobs, and contribute to our state’s long-term economic health and well-being. The seemingly small choices we make at home can play a big part in achieving these goals.”

The state’s sales tax exemption applies to both new and used qualifying products and is available for online or in-person purchases, provided the transaction is completed during Shop Maryland Energy Weekend.

The Comptroller noted that many Energy Star manufacturers, local retailers, and utility companies often offer additional savings on big-ticket purchases. This weekend benefits both consumers and local retailers during a slow time of year and helps Maryland reach its environmental sustainability goals.

“Consumers save at both the time of their purchase and in the long run with decreased monthly energy bills with more energy-efficient appliances,” Comptroller Lierman said.

In 2023, Maryland was ranked the [fifth greenest state in the nation by WalletHub](#), because of its environmental quality, eco-friendly behavior, and contributions to climate change. Switching to energy-efficient appliances can also lead to eligibility for some [federal clean energy tax credits](#).

What is Shop Maryland Energy Weekend?

This three-day event is an opportunity to purchase Energy Star appliances without paying Maryland's 6% sales tax. It's an excellent time to upgrade your home with environmentally friendly options that help lower your energy bills long-term.

When is Shop Maryland Energy Weekend 2024?

The tax-free period begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, and continues through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 19.

What can you buy tax-free?

During Shop Maryland Energy Weekend, Maryland's 6% sales tax is waived for solar water heaters and qualifying [Energy Star products](#) including:

- air conditioners
- clothes washers
- clothes dryers
- furnaces
- heat pumps
- standard size refrigerators
- compact fluorescent light bulbs
- dehumidifiers
- boilers
- programmable thermostats

Where can I buy a qualifying appliance?

You can buy qualifying appliances through retailers in Maryland that carry Energy Star products, in-person or online.

You will find the [Energy Star](#) logo on all qualified products that meet specific standards for energy efficiency. But remember, only the listed items qualify for the Shop Maryland Energy Weekend savings.

"We believe in the power of shopping local and supporting Marylanders, especially during events like Shop Maryland Energy Weekend, which are meant to bolster our local economy," said **Cailey Locklair, president of the Maryland Retailers Alliance**.

"Supporting small businesses fuels our local economy, supports community growth, and serves as an investment in a healthy business community and healthier future for Maryland."

Marylanders can join the conversation on social media with the hashtag **#ShopMDEnergy** to post pictures, find events, and engage with others interested in shopping sustainably.

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