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2017 Tax Holiday for Severe Weather Supplies

Next Weekend

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REMINDER

Mobile County residents can stock up on emergency supplies - TAX FREE - during Alabama's tax holiday next weekend, Feb. 24-26. The two-day tax holiday was recently approved locally by the Mobile County Commission.

"The New Year's storms and freezing weather remind us we need to be prepared for severe weather and emergencies all the time," said Commission President Merceria Ludgood.

The date for the tax holiday and items exempt from sales tax are set by the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Batteries, flashlights, emergency radios, tarps and other safety items are exempt. Please visit <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/salestax/WPHolidayQuickRefSheet17.pdf> for complete list of items which may be purchased tax free.

"In the past five years we've had two terrible storms - the Christmas tornado and the massive ice storm. These storms remind us we don't have to be in hurricane season to get ready for bad weather," Commissioner Jerry Carl said. "Be prepared, stay prepared!"

"I encourage everyone to take an inventory around their house to see how to be best prepared for storms," Commissioner Connie Hudson said. "Do you have adequate supplies of food, water, batteries and other necessities to take care of your family?" Hudson also suggested walking your property to check for weak tree limbs and items that may fly or roll during high winds.

Visit <http://www.mcema.net/Emergency-Preparedness/Disaster-Supply-Kit> and https://www.weather.gov/mob/Winter_Alabama#Safety for additional safety and preparation tips.

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