

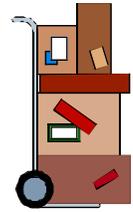
INTERNET, MAIL ORDER AND OUT-OF-STATE PURCHASES

What is Michigan's Use Tax?

Every state with a sales tax has a companion tax for purchases made outside the state. In Michigan, that tax is called the "use tax" but might be more aptly described as a remote sales tax. As a general rule, you owe this tax if you purchased merchandise and did not pay sales tax. Typically this happens when



you purchase an item (for example, clothing, books, furniture, computers) by telephone, catalog, Internet, or in person from out-of-state businesses that do not add the Michigan sales tax to your bill. While many Michigan residents are not aware of the use (remote sales) tax, it has been on the books since the 1930s.



Who Benefits from Michigan's Use Tax?

Stronger Schools: The direct beneficiary of nearly three-quarters of all sales tax and a third of all use tax is the state's K-12 school system.

Local and State Services: Local and state government services such as libraries, fire departments, road improvements, higher education, and public protection services are supported by sales and use taxes.

Michigan's Retailers: Collection of this tax will ensure a level playing field for Michigan businesses. Without collection of this tax, out-of-state retailers enjoy a 6 percent competitive price advantage.

***These companies collect Michigan tax.
If you order from these companies
your responsibility is met.***

Amway Corporation
Borders Online, Inc.
Gateway Companies, Inc.
Crate and Barrel
Eddie Bauer, Inc.
Herman Miller, Inc.
JC Penney Company, Inc.
K Mart Corporation
QVC Network Inc.
Talbots, Inc.
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Walt Disney Catalog Inc.
Williams-Sonoma, Inc.
...and many more

***These companies do not collect
Michigan tax. If you order from these
companies you need to file and pay tax.***

Save your receipts!

Amazon.com, Inc.
Coldwater Creek Inc.
DAMARK International, Inc.
Dell Catalog Sales, L.P.
Fingerhut Companies, Inc.
L.L. Bean, Inc.
Lands' End, Inc.
Spiegel Catalog, Inc.
The Orvis Company, Inc.
....and many more

*If you are unsure of the amount of purchases on which
you owe the use tax, contact the company from which
you made the purchase.*

*The above lists are intended as helpful guidelines and are **not all inclusive**. They are examples of companies that collect the tax for you and companies that leave the burden of compliance with you.*

***For more information on the Use (Remote Sales) or visit our web site at:
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