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Shopping Tips for Tax Free Weekend

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is offering the following tips for consumers to get the best tax-free weekend experience.

- Consumers should review the list of tax-free items on the [Department of Revenue's website](#). Making a list and sticking to it will help consumers stay on budget and avoid impulse purchases that are not tax-exempt.
- When shopping in store, choose cash if you have trouble sticking to a budget. If a consumer does not like to use cash or chooses to shop online, credit cards offer more consumer fraud protections. If using a credit card, pay the bill on time and in full to avoid interest.
- Avoid impulsively signing up for store credit cards. Interest rates on these cards are often high, costing more than they initially save.

There is one more tip that SCDCA Administrator Carri Grube Lybarker encourages consumers to employ, “Keep a watchful eye on your financial statements, especially after heavy use. Whether it’s a fraudulent charge or simply an error on your statement, the longer you wait to address it, the harder it will be to get corrected.”

For more consumer tips, or to get assistance if you find suspicious charges or errors on your accounts visit www.consumer.sc.gov or call SCDCA toll-free at 1-800-922-1594.

About SCDCA

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.consumer.sc.gov or call toll-free, 1-800-922-1594.

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