



What Services Are Taxable to All Property Owners Including Homeowners?

Since the repeal of the seven taxable renovation services to owner-occupied residential real property took effect on July 1, 2001, some questions have been raised as to what services are still taxable to homeowners. The following list contains some of the common services that remain subject to 6% sales and use taxes when rendered to all types of real property, including owner-occupied residential real property:

- **Landscaping and horticulture services*** (including, but not limited to cutting lawns, raking leaves, weeding, seeding, fertilizing; cutting, pruning, trimming, spraying trees; installing sprinkler systems, installing patios and walkways – other than poured concrete or asphalt);
- **Maintenance services*** (including, but not limited to snow removal, chimney sweeping, cleaning gutters, driveway sealing, power washing the house, pond dredging, resurfacing clay tennis courts);
- **Window cleaning services***;
- **Swimming pool cleaning and maintenance services**;
- **Maid services** (janitorial services);
- **Exterminating services**;
- **Repairs and maintenance services to household appliances** (including, but not limited to ovens, microwave ovens, washing machines, clothes dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, exhaust fans); and
- **Repairs and maintenance services to** furnaces, hot water heaters, well pumps, air conditioning units, electrical garage door openers.

* Landscaping and horticultural services, maintenance services and window cleaning services rendered at the residence of a person eligible for and currently receiving total disability payments under Social Security are not subject to tax. The purchaser must complete **CERT-121, Exemption for Landscaping and Horticultural Services, Window Cleaning Services and Maintenance Services Rendered to Recipients of Total Disability Benefits**, and issue it to the seller.

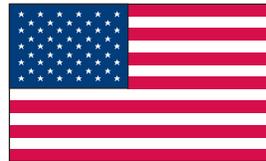
Reminder: As of July 1, 2001, paving, painting, staining, wallpapering, roofing, siding and exterior sheet metal services are no longer subject to sales tax when rendered to owner-occupied residential real property. However, these seven services remain subject to 6% sales and use taxes when rendered to existing commercial, industrial and income-producing real property.

Two Common Questions Regarding the Sales and Use Taxes

The DRS Taxpayer Services Division annually answers many questions about the application of sales and use taxes. Normally, the topics of these inquiries vary greatly. However, recently a large number of questions have involved two issues: whether sales and use taxes apply to the sale or purchase of **United States and State of Connecticut flags**; and whether sales and use taxes apply to **fuel used for residential heating or cooking**.

United States and Connecticut Flags

Purchases of current United States and Connecticut flags are exempt from sales and use taxes. However, the exemption applies only to the flag. Therefore, if the flag is sold in a kit together with other items such as mounting hardware, halyard, or pole then the entire kit, including the flag, is taxable, unless the price of the other items is separately stated from the price of the flag.



Goods that are not flags themselves, such as stickers and decals with a flag image, are taxable.

Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(23)



Fuel for Heating and Cooking Purposes

Purchases of fuel for the purposes of heating a residential dwelling or domestic cooking are exempt from sales and use taxes.

Heating Fuel

The sale of fuel used for home heating is exempt under Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-412(16). The purchase of firewood is included under this exemption if it is purchased for residential heating purposes.



Cooking Fuel

The exemption of fuel for the purposes of domestic cooking includes the sale of charcoal, propane, and firewood. As long as these fuels are used for domestic cooking, they are not subject to sales and use taxes. However, lighter fluid remains subject to sales and use taxes.



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