



Special Notice

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Renewable Energy Systems Sales and Use Tax Exemption Due to Expire

The sales and use tax exemptions (and refund program) for buyers of qualified renewable energy machinery and equipment and installation labor and services expire June 30, 2013. See [RCW 82.08.962](#), [82.12.962](#), [82.08.963](#), and [82.12.963](#).

To qualify for the exemption or refund program

- For machinery and equipment purchases to qualify, the machinery and equipment must be received by the buyer on or before June 30, 2013.
- For labor and service charges to qualify, the machinery and equipment must be installed by June 30, 2013.

Eligibility for the programs is not based on the invoice date or payment date—it is based on when the machinery and equipment was received by the buyer and installed. Machinery and equipment received by the buyer after June 30, 2013, is subject to sales tax at the point of sale and will not qualify for a refund. Installation labor and services performed after June 30, 2013, are also subject to sales tax and do not qualify for the exemption or refund program.

Invoicing the customer for machinery and equipment or labor and services prior to the expiration date and then delivering the machinery and equipment or performing the labor and services after the expiration date will not qualify the buyer for the exemption or refund program.

Sellers must keep documents that reflect the actual delivery date of qualified machinery and equipment and the date labor and services were rendered to the buyer, in case eligibility for the exemption or refund must be substantiated. Proper records include, but are not limited to, a bill of lading, shipping records, truck logs, and employee records indicating location of work.