

Ontario County Exempts Residential Energy Sources and Services from its Local Sales and Use Tax Effective June 1, 2010

All vendors of utility services:

Ontario County has enacted legislation to exempt residential energy sources and services from its sales and use tax effective June 1, 2010.

This change will affect your tax collections and payments if you make sales of residential energy sources and services in Ontario County.

Residential energy sources and services include:

- gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, and steam; and
- coal, fuel oil, and wood for residential heating.

Reporting requirements:

Sales of gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, and steam services in Ontario County for residential use are fully exempt. Report these sales as part of your gross sales only. Sales of coal, fuel oil, and wood (for heating) for residential use in Ontario County are also exempt and should be reported as part of your gross sales only. The exemption described in this notice **does not affect** the rate of tax imposed on **nonresidential energy sources and services in Ontario County**.

Special transitional provisions:

Unless the sales are based on meter readings, sales of residential energy sources and services made on or after June 1, 2010, are fully exempt in Ontario County, whether or not these sales were contracted for prior to June 1, 2010.

Where the bill for a sale is based on a meter reading that occurs on or after June 1, 2010, and the number of days from June 1, 2010, to the date of the meter reading is more than half the total number of days covered by the bill, the sale is fully exempt.