



# Sales and Use Tax on Parking Lots, Boat Docks, and Aircraft Hangars

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## What is Taxable?

Florida state sales tax at the rate of 6%, plus any applicable discretionary sales surtax (surtax), is due on the renting or leasing of:

- parking or storage spaces for motor vehicles in parking lots or garages
- storage facilities for towed vehicles
- docking or storage spaces for boats in docks or marinas
- tie-down or storage space for aircraft at airports

The rate of surtax due on charges for parking, docking, tie-down, or storage space is the rate imposed by the county where the space is located. The \$5,000 surtax limit on sales of items of tangible personal property does not apply to the rental or lease of parking or storage spaces for motor vehicles, boats, or aircraft.

Charges for parking, docking, tie-down, or storage arising from a lawful impoundment are not subject to tax. "Lawful impoundment" means the storage of or custody over an aircraft, boat, or motor vehicle by, or at the direction of, a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency that the owner or the owner's representative is not authorized to enter upon, have access to, or remove without the consent of the law enforcement agency.

## Who Must Register to Collect Tax?

Any person who rents or leases parking, docking, tie-down, or storage space must register with the Department of Revenue. Any agent who receives rental payments on behalf of the property owner or lessor of the property must also register. Each place of business is required to be separately registered by the owner, landlord, agent, or other person who collects and receives rental payments on behalf of the property owner or lessor.

You can register online at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/registration](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/registration) to collect, report, and pay sales tax and surtax. The online application guides you through a series of questions to help determine your tax obligations. Or, if you prefer, you can complete a paper *Florida Business Tax Application* (Form DR-1).

If you are a registered sales and use tax dealer, you will receive a *Certificate of Registration* (Form DR-11) and a *Florida Annual Resale Certificate for Sales Tax* (Form DR-13) by mail. Paper tax returns and your Annual Resale Certificates will be mailed to you unless you are filing electronically.

The *Certificate of Registration* must be displayed in a clearly visible place at your business location. The *Florida Annual Resale Certificate for Sales Tax* is used to rent or lease property tax exempt when the property will be re-rented or re-leased as parking or storage space for motor vehicles, boats, or aircraft. Florida law provides for criminal and civil penalties for fraudulent use of a *Florida Annual Resale Certificate for Sales Tax*. Additional copies of your Annual Resale Certificate may be downloaded, saved, and printed at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/printcertificate](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/printcertificate).

## How to Report Tax

Sales tax and surtax due on charges for parking or storage space for motor vehicles, boats, or aircraft must be reported on your *Sales and Use Tax Return*. An example follows:

**Form DR-15, Sales and Use Tax Return** (front of paper return):

Certificate Number: <b>Florida</b>		Sales and Use Tax Return		HD/PM Date: / /	DR-15
		1. Gross Sales	2. Exempt Sales	3. Taxable Amount	4. Tax Due
A. Sales/Services/Electricity		.	.	.	.
B. Taxable Purchases		Include use tax on Internet / out-of-state untaxed purchases →		.	.
C. Commercial Rentals		.	.	.	.
D. Transient Rentals		.	.	.	.
E. Food & Beverage Vending		.	.	.	.
Surtax Rate:		Reporting Period		5. Total Amount of Tax Due	.
				6. Less Lawful Deductions	.
				7. Net Tax Due	.
				8. Less Est Tax Pd / DOR Cr Memo	.
				9. Plus Est Tax Due Current Month	.
				10. Amount Due	.
				<del>11. Less Collection Allowance</del>	<b>E-file/E-pay Only</b>
				12. Plus Penalty	.
				13. Plus Interest	.
				14. Amount Due with Return	.

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**If you file Form DR-15, Sales and Use Tax Return, on Line A, Sales/Services/Electricity, report:**

- Gross Sales – total rental or lease charges received;
- Exempt Sales – tax exempt charges, if any;
- Taxable Amount – taxable rental or lease charges; and
- Tax Due – state sales tax due, plus any applicable surtax.

Do not report these rental sales on Line C, Commercial Rentals, or Line D, Transient Rentals.

**Back of Form DR-15, Sales and Use Tax Return:**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read this return and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature of Taxpayer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Preparer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Report the discretionary sales surtax included in the amount of tax due reported in Column 4, Line A, in the surtax reported on Line 15(d), Total Amount of Discretionary Sales Surtax Due.**

Discretionary Sales Surtax - Lines 15(a) through 15(d)	
15(a). Exempt Amount of Items Over \$5,000 (included in Column 3)	15(a).
15(b). Other Taxable Amounts NOT Subject to Surtax (included in Column 3)	15(b).
15(c). Amounts Subject to Surtax at a Rate Different Than Your County Surtax Rate (included in Column 3)	15(c).
15(d). Total Amount of Discretionary Sales Surtax Due (included in Column 4)	15(d).
16. Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Credits (included in Line 6)	16.
17. Taxable Sales/Untaxed Purchases or Uses of Electricity (included in Line A)	
18. Taxable Sales/Untaxed Purchases of Dyed Diesel Fuel (included in Line A)	
19. Taxable Sales from Amusement Machines (included in Line A)	
20. Rural or Urban High Crime Area Job Tax Credits	
21. Other Authorized Credits	21.

**The \$5,000 surtax limitation does not apply to charges for parking or storage for vehicles, boats, or aircraft.**

**Filing and Paying Tax**

You can file returns and pay sales and use tax, plus any applicable surtax, using the Department's online file and pay website at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/filepay](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/filepay), or you may purchase software from a software vendor. A list of software vendors is available online at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/eservices](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/eservices).

**Florida law requires you to file a tax return even if you do not owe sales and use tax.**

Sales and use tax returns and payments are due on the 1st and late after the 20th day of the month following each reporting period. For example, if you make a sale in January and your returns and payments are due monthly, your return and payment for the January reporting period are due on February 1 and late after February 20; however, if your returns and payments are due quarterly, your return and payment for the reporting period January – March are due on April 1 and late after April 20.

**If you electronically pay or electronically file and pay at the same time**, you must initiate your electronic payment and receive a confirmation number no later than 5 p.m. ET on the business day prior to the 20th day of the month to avoid penalty and interest. For a list of the electronic payment deadlines, visit the Department's Forms and Publications webpage and select the current year *Florida eServices Calendar of Electronic Payment Deadlines* (Form DR-659) under the [eServices](#) section.

**If you electronically file a return without, or separately from, a payment**, and the 20th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state or federal holiday, your return is timely if you receive a confirmation number for the electronically filed return on or before the first business day following the 20th.

When you electronically file your sales and use tax return and electronically pay timely, you are allowed to deduct a collection allowance. The collection allowance is 2.5% (0.025) of the first \$1,200 of tax due, not to exceed \$30.

**If you file paper returns** and the 20th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state or federal holiday, your return and payment are considered timely if postmarked or delivered in person on the first business day following the 20th.

If you file your return late or pay tax late, a late penalty of 10% of the amount of tax owed, but not less than \$50, may be charged. The \$50 minimum penalty applies even if no tax is due. Penalty will also be charged if your return is incomplete. A floating rate of interest applies to underpayments and late payments of tax. Interest rates are available at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/rates](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/rates).

### **Updating Your Business Information**

The quickest way to notify the Department of changes to your account, such as updates to your name, mailing address, business location, or to temporarily suspend or resume business operations, is online at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/updateaccount](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/updateaccount).

If you close or sell your business, **you must file a final return and pay all taxes due within 15 days** after closing or selling the business. Your final return must cover the period from your most recent return filing to the closing date.

### **Learn More and Stay Informed**

Visit the Department's Taxpayer Education webpage at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/education](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/education) for additional information. The Taxpayer Education page has sales and use tax tutorials on how to complete your tax return, calculate discretionary sales surtax, electronically file and remit your taxes, and pay estimated tax.

### **Reference Material**

**Law** – Section 212.03(6), Florida Statutes, available at [leg.state.fl.us](http://leg.state.fl.us).

**Brochures** – Download these brochures from [floridarevenue.com/forms](http://floridarevenue.com/forms):

- *Sales and Use Tax on Rental of Living or Sleeping Accommodations* (GT-800034)
- *Sales and Use Tax on Tangible Personal Property Rentals* (GT-800038)

### **Contact Us**

Information and tutorials are available online at [floridarevenue.com/taxes/education](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/education).

Tax forms and publications are available online at [floridarevenue.com/forms](http://floridarevenue.com/forms).

**To speak with a Department of Revenue representative**, call Taxpayer Services at 850-488-6800, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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