

Schenectady County Local Sales and Use Tax Exemption For Residential Energy Sources and Services Expires Effective March 1, 2006

All vendors of utility services:

Effective March 1, 2006, Schenectady County's temporary exemption from tax on receipts from the sale of energy sources and services used for residential purposes expires. This change will affect your tax collections and payments if you make sales of residential energy sources and services in Schenectady County.

As of March 1, 2006, sales of residential energy sources and services in Schenectady County **outside of** the Schenectady School District (S.D.) are subject to tax at the rate of **4%**. As of March 1, 2006, sales of residential energy sources and services in Schenectady County **within** the Schenectady S.D. are subject to tax at the rate of **7%**.

Reporting requirements:

Report **residential** sales of gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, and steam services in Schenectady County on Schedule B, Part 1, on the Schenectady County (outside the Schenectady S.D.)

4% entry line, or the Schenectady S.D. 7% entry line, as applicable. Report sales of coal, fuel oil, and wood (for heating) for residential use on Schedule B, Part 2, on the Schenectady County 4% entry line. The tax rate change described in this notice **does not affect** the rate of tax imposed on **nonresidential energy sources and services in Schenectady County**.

Special transitional provisions:

Unless the sales are based on meter readings, sales of residential energy sources and services made on or after March 1, 2006, are subject to sales tax at the rate in effect at the time of delivery to the customer, whether or not these sales were contracted for prior to any change in the sales tax rate. Where the bill for a sale is based on a meter reading that occurs on or after March 1, 2006, and the number of days from March 1, 2006, to the date of the meter reading is more than half the total number of days covered by the bill, report sales of these services on Schedule B at the higher rates.