



Home Rule Sales Tax Rate Change in Bloomington

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To:

All Retailers and Servicepersons Conducting Business
in Bloomington

Effective **January 1, 2001**,
Bloomington's home rule sales tax
rate on general merchandise increases
from 1 percent to 1.25 percent.

The home rule sales tax rate is part of
the combined rate that is preprinted on
your Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax
Return, or, for multiple-site filers, your
Form ST-2, Multiple Site Form.

The new combined rate is reflected in
Line 4a of Form ST-1 or Form ST-2 as
a total general merchandise rate of
7.50 percent.

It may be necessary to adjust your
cash registers and any computer
programs you use so that, beginning
on January 1, you will collect and pay
the correct amount of tax.

What is taxed?

You must collect home rule sales tax
on sales of **general merchandise**
(reported on Line 4a of Form ST-1 and
Form ST-2). The same items of gen-
eral merchandise reported on Form
ST-1 and Form ST-2 that are subject
to state sales tax are also subject to
home rule sales tax.

Home rule sales tax does **not** apply to
sales of qualifying food, drugs, and
medical appliances* (reported on Line
5a of Form ST-1 and Form ST-2).

Also, home rule sales tax does **not**
apply to items that must be titled or
registered by an agency of Illinois
state government (reported on Form
ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Re-
turn).

Please note that home rule units of
local government may impose and
administer other taxes. If these taxes
are imposed, they are not collected by
the Illinois Department of Revenue.
Please contact your municipal or
county clerk's office for more informa-
tion.

What do I do when a
customer pays me on or
after January 1 for a
purchase that was
delivered earlier and taxed
at a different rate?

If the original purchase was subject to
a tax rate that was in effect prior to this
rate change, you must report these
receipts on Line 8a and the tax on
Line 8b.