



## Tax Information Publication

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### Lee County Adds a 0.5% School Capital Outlay Surtax Beginning January 1, 2019

**Effective January 1, 2019, the combined state and local sales and use tax rate for Lee County will be 6.5%.** The combined rate is composed of the 6% state sales tax plus the 0.5% school capital outlay surtax.

Dealers should begin collecting the new combined 6.5% rate on January 1, 2019. All state sales and use tax and local surtaxes collected must be reported and remitted to the Department of Revenue.

When the amount of a sale is less than one dollar or falls between whole dollar amounts, dealers must use Florida's bracket system to calculate the combined tax and surtax. The *Common Sales Tax Brackets* table (Form DR-2X) provides the bracket amounts to calculate the combined 6.5% sales tax and surtax rate. Form DR-2X and other tax rate brackets are available on the Department's webpage [floridarevenue.com/taxes/rates](http://floridarevenue.com/taxes/rates) under "Sales and Use Tax, Surtax, E911 Fee, Asphalt Use Tax Index Rates."

Voters approved a Lee County Resolution adopting the 0.5% school capital outlay surtax on November 6, 2018. The surtax rate is effective January 1, 2019, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2028.

**References: Lee County Resolution; Sections 212.054 and 212.055, Florida Statutes**

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