

## **State Sales Tax Goes Up 1% on April 1**

It's no April Fool's Day joke. The state sales and use tax rate increases by 1% effective April 1, 2009. In addition, if you are in a city or county that has a voter approved local district tax rate increase effective April 1, 2009 such as El Monte or Pico Rivera the overall tax rate increase will be higher. In most areas of Los Angeles County, including the City of Duarte, the 1% increase will mean consumers will pay 9.25% sales tax on all taxable purchases.

The 1% tax rate increase will expire on either July 1, 2011, or July 1, 2012, depending on whether voters approve a proposed Budget Stabilization constitutional amendment in a statewide election to be held on May 19, 2009.

For a current listing of California sales and use tax rates by county and city, visit the State Board of Equalization website at [www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/rates.cgi](http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/rates.cgi). Customer Service Representatives are also available to answer questions by telephone at (800) 400-7115 and TDD/TTY: (800) 735-2929.