



25 Ways to Save Money

Small savings can accumulate and add up big. Here are a few tips to save small to save big in the long run:

Food and Drug Items

1. Take a look in the ethnic-food aisles. You may be able to find items for half the price.
2. Ask about promotions and how they work. For example, a “5 for \$5” deal may not necessarily require you to purchase all 5 of the product to get the reduced price.
3. Sign up for customer loyalty cards. You’ll receive coupons for products you tend to buy.
4. Download coupons on your loyalty card. Visit shortcuts.com and redeem coupons at the registers.
5. Check out your grocer’s website and look for valuable savings coupons that you can print and shop with. When applicable, combine coupons offered by the store and the manufacturer.
6. Get all your savings in one place; ask whether a store matches the prices of its local competitors. If so, print out the other stores’ flyers and coupons for convenience.
7. Take advantage of savings programs from both drugstore and discount chains. Combine coupons from drugstores and their automatic-rebate programs for further savings. Visit couponmom.com for more info.

Gas and Energy Costs

8. Fill your car up at superstore fuel centers. Check the lowest gas prices at gasbuddy.com.
9. If you keep your tires inflated to the proper pressure, you will improve your gas mileage by nearly 3%. Try to reduce extra weight in your car; an additional 100 lbs. reduces mpg by 2%. Try to limit use of air-conditioning, which increases gas consumption by 11%.
10. Cut your bills at home. You can save 1% on your electric bill for every degree you set the AC above 72 degrees. You can also save 1-2% by unplugging major electronics not in use (save ~\$70/year).

Online Deals

11. Look up deals from your grocers’ online photo centers. Upload photos at home and pick them up in store. If you sign up for your store’s e-mail newsletter, you’ll receive special offers and coupons.
12. Take advantage of “grab bag” specials on brand-name bathing suits for your children. Visit swimoutlet.com and speedousa.com for great offers and selections.
13. Sign up online for free samples of health and beauty products. Check out freefllys.com, mysavings.com, startsamplng.com, and instoresnow.walmart.com.

Family Fun

14. Try swapping homes with another family to drastically reduce vacation costs. There is a large array of selections, both national and international, on intervac.com, homelink.org, homeexchange.com, exchangehomesia.com, and vrbo.com. You might also want to ask friends interested in swapping for homes and possibly cars.
15. Try an urban vacation. 11 metropolises also have passes that offer 50% off the full-price ticket (citypass.com) and transportation is inexpensive and easy.
16. Purchase an Entertainment Book of discount coupons (usually \$10). Visit entertainment.com for information in your area or the area(s) you plan to visit.
17. Visit popular travel-destination websites, such as frommers.com and fodors.com, to attain insider tips on getting discounted rates at popular attractions or finding out about free events.
18. Hire a personal camp counselor. Get together with local families and pay a responsible high school student or two to care for your children. They will enjoy activities similar to day camps.

Travel Expenditures

19. Sign up with “fare watcher” services for travel search engines (E.g. expedia.com and travelocity.com). You’ll be made aware of price drops for your desired tickets.
20. Search for weekend Web deals and rock-bottom last-minute fares on airlines’ websites. Check out Yapta.com and you may get money back if your fare dropped since your purchase of your ticket.
21. Visit upromise.com to earn free money in a college-savings account by booking travel plans.
22. Take advantage of deals on the price of airport parking at longtermparking.com.
23. Booking a hotel room? Big savings are in store for lodging without internet access, parking, breakfast or airport shuttle service.
24. Test out bidding sites (E.g. biddingfortravel.com) to grab the lowest price.
25. Check out nearby parking-garage options beforehand to save on hotel parking.

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