

**10 Great Ways  
to  
Save Money**

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# 10 Great Ways to Save Money

Most of these tips don't take much time or effort but they can really make a big difference in how much you spend each month of year on items you need. Plus the last tip can help you declutter and make money too.

## 1. Know the Cost Per Unit on Items You Purchase

You might have been taught to buy the big package they are cheaper. But that isn't always true.

But if you know your unit cost you can be sure to get the best deal. Most stores mark the unit price right on the price label on the shelf so you can easily compare the price per unit quickly and find the best-priced items.

## 2. Swap Books

If you are not a fan of using the library or you don't have one close by. Try swapping books and cd's through book exchanges like [Paperback Swap](#). You can trade your used books for books you really want.

## 3. Cut Your Cell Phone Cost

If you are a heavy user of data, texting, and or calling an unlimited plan might be the best bet for you. Be sure to shop around for a less expensive plan through a different carrier. Often you can get the same cell service but save \$10 or more a month by switching to a different carrier.

If you don't use your phone much then looking for a pay as you go plan or a company like [Ting](#) might really save you money. You only pay what you actually use and if you don't use much your cost can be really low.

#### 4. Don't Be Afraid to Ask

If you have a bill that is bigger than expected or has suddenly gone up in price don't be afraid to call and ask for a discount. To get a discount all you often have to do is be polite and ask.

#### 5. Buy Refurbished

If you want to save on electronics and appliances choose factory refurbished models. These are items that have been returned and then repairs have been made, making them good as new but at a much less expensive price. If you purchase directly from the manufacturer you might also get a warranty too.

#### 6. Buy Used Cars

A brand new car with that brand new car smell is really nice. But when you drive it off the lot you lose value right away. It's often better to find a good reliable used car to purchase. Most used cars will need a repair or two but most of the time those costs are far less than the price of a new car.

If you want a late model car, try shopping for a lease return, instead of new. You can find a great deal on a low mile car with a great discount in price. Some even come with a warranty or a warranty you can purchase.

#### 7. Purchase Glasses Online

If you are in need of glasses, you might try one of the online eye glass stores. Shopping online for glasses can save you a bundle. You can often get glasses as low as \$40. We buy our glasses online at [Zenni Optical](#).

#### 8. Look for Discounts when You Shop

When you shop online be sure to always check for a coupon code. Search for a coupon code before you checkout.

If I can't find a coupon code. Be sure to go through [Ebates](#) to earn cash back on purchases. Even if you can't find a coupon code you can at least earn a little money back.

## 9. Ask for Discounts When You Renew

We all have things we need to renew now and then. Car insurance, cable or internet plans, cell phone bills they all come to an end of the policy or plan and then the price inevitably goes up. Instead of just paying the new price, call and ask for a discount or to keep the same plan with the previous price.

It has worked well for me so don't be afraid to ask. The worst that can happen is they can say no.

## 10. Sell Items You Don't Use or Want

This tip can not only get money back in your pocket but it can also help to declutter your home too.

We all have items whether it be clothes, kid's toys, furniture, or everyday household items we don't want any longer or use any more.

Instead of trashing them, why not try selling them. You can sell your items on Craig's List, eBay, and even in local Facebook buy and sell groups.

Want more help in staying on budget, come over to the blog at [FrugalFamilyHome.com](http://FrugalFamilyHome.com) to find more money saving tips, frugal recipes, and homemaking helps.

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