

≡ 10 Easy Ways to SAVE MONEY for Christmas ≡

COLLECT YOUR CHANGE – Save your coins and \$1 bills in a jar. In December roll the coins and take them to the bank or use a Coinstar machine.

COMPLETE ONLINE SURVEYS – A relatively painless way to make money is to complete online surveys with reputable companies. This takes a bit of time but it's worth the effort. [Click here](#) for my favorite, legitimate online survey sites.

SELL BOOKS AND DVDS – Sell your used books to websites like Cash4Books, My Book Buyer (specializing in textbooks) and Half.com. [Click](#) here for more detailed information on each of these programs.

USE THE AMAZON TRADE-IN PROGRAM – Gather extra dvds, books, video games and electronics and exchange them for credit at the Amazon Trade-In Store. [Click here](#) for more information.

CONSIGN TOYS AND CLOTHES – Take gently used clothing and toys to a consignment shop. The last three months of the year are a great time to sell because other moms are looking for good prices on toys for their own children.

SELL ON EBAY AND CRAIGSLIST – Smaller, more expensive items can be sold on eBay and items like appliances, exercise and baby equipment will sell well on Craigslist. [Click here](#) for my best tips to sell your items for the most money.

FIND DISCOUNTS – Call your cable, insurance and utility companies to see if you qualify for any discounts. Many times cable companies will match a competitor's offer so you stay with them.

DONATE PLASMA – Make \$20 to \$50 an hour donating blood plasma at a plasma donation center in your area. Do an online search for medical centers or check with local hospitals.

WORK FOR A CATERER – The holidays are the busiest time of the year for caterers. Call local businesses in your area to see if they are hiring temporary help.

CLEAN HOMES – November and December are great months to start your own cleaning business. Stock up on basic cleaning supplies (check online for instructions to make your own cleaners cheaply) and let your friends know that you are available. You can even have business cards created relatively cheaply. Be sure to check with your local municipality and state for regulations and laws governing small businesses.