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## 10 Tips To Save Money at Christmas:

Often the holiday hustle and bustle can leave us frazzled and stressed, and so can the bills that pile up during this time. This iMoneyMinute holds a few ideas for saving money at Christmas so that we can all spend less and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas.

- 1. Make a list before you go shopping. Have a good idea of who you want to buy for and how much you want to spend for each gift.
- 2. Have a Christmas gift pool or "Secret Santa" Have each person in the family buy a gift for one other person. This way it can be a nice gift, and you can still cut down on spending by not buying separate gifts for everyone.
- **3. Make cookies, treats, or handmade gifts** These gifts can be much less expensive and show that you put a lot of love into the gift.
- **4.** Be sure to do a search for "Discount codes" or "coupons" when making purchases online. You can easily save 10-50% just by having a coupon code.
- **5. Compare prices** Not every sale is a "good deal." Compare prices at other stores and make sure the "deal" fits in your budget.
- **6. Use cash to buy gifts** This will keep you from going over budget and can help prevent impulse purchases.

- 7. Decorate by bringing the outside in You can use pine cones and acorns to give your décor an extra touch without spending extra money.
- 8. Turn off the Christmas lights before you go to bed. This will save energy and money!
- **9. Family movie night** When it's cold outside, you and the family can take the time to get together and watch a movie or play games. Or you can take a quick drive around town to look at the lights and decorations.
- **10. Take a break.** Take a step back from the shopping and stress to take time to enjoy your family and friends. Have a relative or old friend in town? Sit down to a cup of hot chocolate and share stories for a while.



# Christmas is Coming!

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