

While the kids may dread returning to school, you may dread returning to the stores at the end of summer to buy school supplies for your children. Use these easy tips to help maximize back to school savings and stretch your dollar.



- Get your supply list from the school and look for coupons or savings that apply; stick to your list.

- Set a budget and stick to it.

- Look for sales! Check circulars and the websites for stores you frequent.

- [Many states have a tax free holiday](#) where the state sales and use tax, and any applicable local sales and use tax, are not be imposed on a variety of back to school items from clothes to supplies.

- Want even more bang for your buck? Check out Lifehacker's [The Best Time to Buy Anything During the Year](#) for a comprehensive guide to what products are best to buy each month.