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Quick tips to save big money: shopping

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By registering your email address, you can be notified of deals up to 90% off goods and services you might buy anyway.
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You've mastered coupons and promotion codes (see the [article](#)), and now you're looking for more ways to save money on dining, clothing, and fun activities. Try subscribing to one or more of these services that alert you to deals online and in your local area:

- **Gilt Groupe.** At [Gilt.com](#), you're offered "exclusive access to private sales" by registering your email address and checking daily for scheduled sales of designer items. Your savings can be up to 70% off retail prices on first-quality goods.
- **Groupon.** [Sign up](#) by locality with your email and credit card information, and receive a daily notice of one deal - usually 50% to 90% off - for a product or service. These deals are only available if they receive a set minimum volume of responders, so your credit card will not be charged until the minimum is satisfied. If the daily deal is a go, your credit card is charged for the discounted price, and you receive an email with a printable coupon to present at the local vendor sponsoring the deal. Every deal has an expiration date (usually weeks to months), so be sure to use your Groupon!
- **Living Social.** Similar to Groupon, [Living Social](#) also offers daily discounts of up to 90% off "restaurants, bars, spas, theaters, and more." For both services, you can sign up for the city closest to where you live, or sign up for an area you'll be visiting to find deals throughout your stay.
- **ShopItToMe.** [This service](#) allows you to customize notifications of online discounts by registering your preferences for brands, sizes, and other details. You receive an email when one of your preferred stores offers a deal that satisfies one of your preferences. The email includes details of the deal, and you choose whether or not to click the link to follow through on the deal.

To save even more, resist the temptation to buy on impulse. Instead, make a list of items you need or want, and use your shopping subscriptions to look for the items on your list at discounted prices. Share here how you save money shopping, and click on "subscribe" to be notified of future Get Organized articles.

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