

Freebies and Cheapies on the Net

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Google "free stuff" on the Internet and you get millions of hits. Just remember to be selective and never give out credit card information in return for free samples. Free samples are best secured through the company's website. Sign up for newsletters or birthday clubs, which always offer something free around the time of your birthday.

Free General Stuff Internet

The Free Site (www.thefreesite.com)

More than just free samples, this site offers everything from software freebies to seasonal freebies. Sends you directly to company websites.

All 4 Free (<http://yesall4free.com>)

Easy to navigate website with various categories. Freebies are rated so you know what's worth sending away for and what isn't. Email deals to friends.

Thunderfap (www.thunderfap.com)

Easy interface and easy to use.

Local Freebies

Craigslist (www.craigslist.org)

Craigslist is the most popular free classifieds site on the Internet. Organized by city, state, and parts of state, you can check out what free items people are giving away or what you can post for free.

Freecycle (www.freecycle.org)

Join the Freecycle network and have access to freebies in your area. Have something to give away, post it and someone will pick it up. Looking for freebies, post a wanted ad.

Coupons

RetailMeNot (www.retailmenot.com)

One of the more popular websites to find online retail coupon codes. Offers a quick search feature. Members can also comment on coupon's validity.

CouponCabin (www.couponcabin.com)

Highly popular with online shoppers. Updated often and provides newest verified coupons and deals.

Coupons.com (www.coupons.com)

Fun colorful site for clipped coupons. You need to install a coupon printer, which is a free web download. Make sure to ask retailers if they take Internet coupons.

Smart Source (www.smartsource.com)

Offers local sales and online deals. You can email coupons to friends. You need to install free coupon printer which prevents fraud.

Coupon Mom (www.couponmom.com)

You will need to create a login to access coupons, however you can get access to links for free samples without membership.

Free Books

Paperbackswap (www.paperbackswap.com)

Join PBS for free. List books you are willing to mail away. For every book you mail to a member, you get a book credit. Then use your credits to receive books from other members. Pay only for the postage to mail out your books.

Project Gutenberg (www.gutenberg.org)

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The Online Books Page (<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>)

OBP lists over 35,000 books on the web. Frequently updated and provides a quick link for new listings.

Classic Book Library (<http://classicbook.info/>)

CBL offers free online juvenile and adult classics. Offers quick genre links for easy browsing. No downloads.

Deals and Steals

Woot (www.woot.com)

Woot sells one product per day at rock bottom prices.

Also check out Shirt Woot and Wine Woot - all great deals.

Dealcatcher (www.dealcatcher.com)

Offers info on all Internet deals. Frequently updated. Allows members to print coupons (like an AMC coupon) or compare prices.

Overstock (www.overstock.com)

Shoppers can't beat Overstock's low prices and cheap shipping (\$2.95). For example, this librarian scored 16 Denby plates for \$60 with shipping, over 90% off.

Fat Wallet (<http://www.fatwallet.com>)

Dealighted (www.dealighted.com)

Slick Deals (www.slickdeals.net)

Free or Dirt-cheap Beauty Samples

[When going to department store counters or Sephora, ask nicely for a free sample of a product before you buy it. Employees will be happy to give you free samples.]

Eve Organics (www.eveorganics.net)

EO offers beauty samples for no more than the cost of postage. \$1.

Company makes eco-friendly beauty products.

Everyday Minerals (www.everydayminerals.com)

Want to try mineral make-up, but not sure about colors? Order a sample kit from EM for only \$3.95. Contains 3 face colors, concealer, and one blush.

Aveda (www.aveda.com)

Register for their birthday club and get postcards in the mail for free items from their stores.

L'oreal (www.lorealparisusa.com)

Olay (www.olay.com)

Dove (www.dove.com)

Proctor & Gamble (www.pgeverydaysolutions.com)

*All these companies and others offer free samples of their products, coupons, and rebate offers.

Frugal Living Blogs

Bargain Briana (www.bargainbriana.com)

Posts current deals and steals daily.

Bargain Babe (<http://www.bargainbabe.com/>)

Journalist and self-declared cheapskate shares tips on living frugal.

Frugal Living (<http://www.frugalvillage.com/>)

Sara Noel has a syndicated Frugal Living column.

The Recessionista (<http://therecessionista.blogspot.com/>)

Blog about saving money on fashion, eating out, and entertaining during hard economic times. Tips for high-end living.

Centsable Momma (<http://www.centsablemomma.com/>)

A mom blogs about living frugally. Offers coupon finds and great deals.

Miscellaneous

Ecobunga (www.ecobunga.com)

Eco-friendly giveaways and deals.

Consignment Shops (<http://www.consignmentshops.com/>)

Find local consignment shops and buy great used items.

Cook Cheap (<http://allrecipes.com/HowTo/Cooking-on-a-Budget/Detail.aspx>)

All Recipes offers great tips on cooking on a budget.

Organic Grocery Deals (<http://www.organicgrocerydeals.com/forums/>)
Deals on organic food. Organized by forums.

Books

Baking soda : over 500 fabulous, fun, and frugal uses you've probably never thought of by Lansky, Vicki. 661.323 LAN

10,001 ways to live large on a small budget 332.024 TEN

City chic : the modern girl's guide to living large on less by Willdorf, Nina. 646.7 WIL

Eat cheap but eat well by Mattocks, Charles. 641.552 MAT

\$3 meals : feed your family delicious, healthy meals for less than the cost of a gallon of milk by Brown, Ellen. 641.552 BRO

Free tips from Kimberly:

1. Utilize the web for free do-it-yourself videos. Learn how to make repairs on the cheap.
<http://www.5min.com/>
<http://www.monkeysee.com/>
2. Utilize the awesome public library for free lectures, entertainment, DVDs, music and books.
3. Love house plants? Don't spend money on them. Grow an avocado plant from the pit. Get great tips on the web.
4. While getting free things is great, don't accept items just because they are free. No one should collect needless junk.