

When to Buy What

Quarter 3	Back to school: Computers (and related products) and back to school supplies will be on sale throughout the quarter.	At the end of each season, look for seasonal clothing and seasonal linen on sale.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetables: corn, cucumbers, green beans, lettuce, okra, peppers, summer squash, swiss chard, tomatoes, zucchini • Fruits: apricots, blackberries, blueberries, cantaloupe, kiwi, mangoes, peaches, plums, raspberries, strawberries, watermelon • 4th of July: meats, all barbecue supplies, chips, outdoor food, etc. • National Ice Cream Month: ice cream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools • Furniture: both indoor and outdoor • Retailers use Fourth of July (and every other holiday) as an excuse to hold big sales on everything from cars to carpets. Take advantage, but for major purchases (as always) compare prices from “normal” times to make sure it’s an actual deal.
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetables: acorn squash, butternut squash, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, okra, peppers, summer squash, swiss chard, tomatoes, winter squash, zucchini • Fruits: apples, apricots, blueberries, cantaloupe, figs, kiwi, mangoes, peaches, plums, raspberries, strawberries, watermelon • Back to School – cereal, bread, peanut butter, jelly, deli meats, snack food items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most summer gear goes on sale in August to make way for fall items. Look for clothes and bathing suits in particular. Beach and pool toys are also often on clearance. • Snow blowers (early sales), lawn mowers (end of summer sales)
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetables: acorn squash, beets, butternut squash, cauliflower, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, mushrooms, okra, peppers, pumpkins, spinach, sweet potatoes, swiss chard, tomatoes • Fruits: apples, cantaloupe, figs, grapes, mangoes, persimmons, pomegranates • More “Back to School”: see August • Fall Cooking: soup making products (soup starters, broths, & canned items); comfort foods (chicken pot pies, “home-made” options/ideas, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start looking for larger summer items going on clearance: swings, grills, lawn/patio furniture, gardening supplies, air conditioners, etc. • New home appliances often introduced in the fall: buy last year’s models at a discount (good as appliances rarely change drastically from year to year) • Bicycles: new models arrive on the floor each year in the fall as riding season is winding down. This is a great time to get last year’s model as stores are trying to clear out inventory. • Snow blowers (early sales), lawn mowers (end of summer sales)
Quarter 4	With summer & fall over, stores are cleaning out space for holidays. Gas grills, lawn mowers, & air conditioners are often on clearance at this time.	At the end of each season, look for seasonal clothing and seasonal linen on sale.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetables: acorn squash, beets, broccoli, butternut squash, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, cabbage, leeks, lettuce, mushrooms, parsnips, pumpkins, rutabagas, spinach, sweet potatoes, swiss chard, turnips, winter squash • Fruits: apples, cranberries, grapes, persimmons, pomegranates • Baking supply sales: see November • Halloween: candy, carmel apple supplies (best deals are after the holiday: candy; pick out next years decorations) • National Seafood Month: seafood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New home appliances often introduced in the fall: buy last year’s models at a discount (good as appliances rarely change drastically from year to year) • Bicycles: new models arrive on the floor each year in the fall as riding season is winding down. This is a great time to get last year’s model as stores are trying to clear out inventory.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetables: beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, leeks, mushrooms, parsnips, pumpkins, rutabagas, spinach, sweet potatoes, turnips, winter squash • Fruit: cranberries, oranges, pears, persimmons, pomegranates, tangerines • Thanksgiving – canned vegetables, other canned goods (cranberries, pumpkin, tomatoes, broth, gravy, fruit), turkeys, ham, stuffing • Baking sales: pumpkin, evaporated milk, chocolate chips & the like, sugar, flour, baking soda, boxed dessert mixes, butter, pie crusts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday sales are starting earlier and earlier. Score savings on gift items such as toys and flat-screen TVs (Take advantage of such sales, but for major purchases (as always) compare prices from “normal” times to make sure it’s an actual deal.) • Hardware/Tools- between Thanksgiving & Christmas
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetables: broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, leeks, mushrooms, parsnips, rutabagas, sweet potatoes, turnips • Fruits: grapefruit, oranges, papayas, pears, pomegranates, tangelos, tangerines • Christmas & New Year: crackers, party trays, salami, Cheeses, eggnog, ham • Baking supply sales: see November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The week after Christmas is the best time to get seasonal items at deep discounts. Buy next year’s holiday wrapping paper and gift tags. I personally buy next year’s ornaments and “tree theme” as well! • Larger Christmas gift items: electronics (Blu-ray players & TVs), video games/systems, computers, CDs/DVDs, etc. as retailers try to clear out unsold Christmas inventory. • Other Christmas gifts that didn’t sell: tools, video games, etc.