54 Secrets To Save On Family Clothing Purchases

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- 1. Before purchasing new clothing items, ask yourself if you really need it!
- 2. If you charge clothing, pay your bills before "due date".
- 3. Consider shopping at discount stores.
- 4. Can you get along without it until a sale comes along at season's end?
- 5. Is it a new "fad" that may be out of style in a short time?
- 6. Shop for clothing at rummage sales, garage sales, flea markets, etc.
- 7. Shop for used clothing at "like new" shops see your Yellow Pages.
- 8. Watch newspaper ads for store sales, clearances, close-outs, etc.
- 9. Consider buying or renting a sewing machine and making it yourself.
- 10. Save by shining your own shoes.
- 11. Keep care costs in mind. Buy washables and save on dry cleaning bills.
- 12. Shop for clothing at thrift shops.
- 13. always keep your clothes clean and in good repair. They'll last longer.
- 14. Raise cash by selling discarded clothing at garage sales, flea markets, etc.
- 15. Alter adult's clothing for your children.
- 16. Make minor clothing repairs yourself.
- 17. Get old shoes repaired for longer wear: resoled, new heels added, etc.
- 18. Buy only clothing items that are well made and will wear well.
- 19. Stick to basic styles, colors, fabrics.
- 20. Trade clothing items with friends & neighbors (especially children's).
- 21. Carry a plastic raincoat to protect clothing from unexpected showers.
- 22. Look for clothing bargains in newspaper classified ads.
- 23. Buy versatile clothes that can be used for different occasions.
- 24. Buy coordinated clothing so you can mix and match and have more outfits.
- 25. donate used clothing to charities for tax deductions.
- 26. Save older children's clothing for hand-me-downs for the younger ones.
- 27. Hand clothes properly for longer life.
- 28. change into old (washable) clothes for dirty at-home tasks.

- 29. Before storing, shoes should be cleaned, polished & shoe trees inserted.
- 30. Take extra special care of leather clothing items for lifetime wear.
- 31. Avoid dry cleaning bills. Many spots can be removed with cleaning fluids.
- 32. Buy dual-purpose clothing, such as reversibles, topcoat/raincoats, etc.
- 33. If bored with a pair of shoes, consider dying them a different color.
- 34. Use worn-out clothing for cleaning, household wipes, and "nose blowers".
- 35. Consider saving by ordering clothing items from mail order houses.
- 36. Buy children's clothing items a size or two larger for longer wear.
- 37. During sales, stock up on basics: sleep wear, underwear, socks, etc.
- 38. Teach children to care for their clothing.
- 39. don't "kill time" in clothing stores or you may buy things you don't need.
- 40. Get to know where to go for the best buys for certain items.
- 41. Practice sales resistance if you can;t find exactly what you want.
- 42. Remember that high price does not necessarily mean good quality.
- 43. When shopping, have a definite plan and stick to it.
- 44. If you cannot find what you want, go home without it.
- 45. Never buy anything just because "everyone else is wearing it"!
- 46. Buy men's suits & coats in February, April, November & before Christmas.
- 47. Stock up on children's clothes after back-to-school sales in October.
- 48. Buy men's shirts, socks and underwear before Father's Day in June.
- 49. Buy women's winter coats & suits in November.
- 50. Buy summer clothing, swimsuits, shoes & sandals during sales in July.
- 51. Buy cocktail dresses, winter boots and furs during January sales.
- 52. Shop "After Easter" sales for children's clothes, dresses, spring coats and fabrics (for home sewing).
- 53. Look for spring sportswear sales during May.
- 54. Buy ski clothing during August; other sports clothing during July sales.