

Frugal Yankee

enjoying life, spending less

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. ARE YOU READY?



New Car Time?

The Frugal Yankee is not keen on buying new cars. You lose so much just driving off the lot, but if you want one, here are a few tips. September is a good month to buy. Do your homework. Find out the dealer's cost before you negotiate. Also consider the resale value in your calculations. Some cars lose 40%, some more and at \$30,000 a pop, that's significant. And finally, buy at the end of the month, when sales staff quotas are pressing.

✕ Where are the Deals? ✕

We all know there are great deals right after Christmas. And most of us know what stores have great prices. But what about September? Are there deals to be had? Yep. Read on.

Summer has ended and for a Frugal Yankee, we have one question? Are there any deals out there? The answer is yes. Anything that says summer is now on sale.

Where do you begin? A Frugal Yankee never buys anything they don't need, so take stock of what you need and make a list.

If it's clothing, this is a great time to find next spring's clothes. You can find deals in the 70 to 80% off range. The best days to shop are Wednesday and Thursday. There is more to choose from and fewer shoppers. Just store your scores away until spring. Now that's being frugal.



Another item that says 'end of summer' is air conditioners and fans. The big box stores may not offer significant savings, but try a smaller, specialty store. They don't have the capacity to hold onto inventory, so try them

If a new car smell is turning you on, check out the sidebar on asking is it 'New Car Time?'

There are several grown items with good pricing in September. Specifically root vegetables and squashes. They are easy to store and inexpensive.

Finally if your a oenophile, wines are coming in, so there will be deals there too.

*Think Green!
Think Spring!
Planning Ahead is Frugal*

It may be turning gold outside, but now is a great time to think about May. No kidding. If you're planning on adding a tree or a shrub to your yard, do it now. Nurseries are slashing prices. They'd prefer to sell a plant rather than have it winter over. And you can plant until the ground gets a hard freeze.

This is also an excellent time to get supplies for next summer - everything from lime to a new mower. Prices are as low as there are going to be.

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