

# FAMILY FINANCES



## Budget-Stretching Ideas

(NAPSA)—Cutting expenses might be easier than you imagine. A few simple tips and tools can help you get the most out of your money:

- Feel the urge to go shopping? First, clean your closets. Separate clothes into piles to keep, donate, or sell on consignment. You may already have something similar to what you need. At the very least, you will get a better idea of what you need. This is especially important if you are paying storage costs.



**A good place to start getting the most out of your money is a budget book that also contains useful budget-stretching tips.**

- Don't just buy the first thing you see. Compare prices and be alert to quality. Watch for seasonal sales at reliable shops.

- Before you can cut expenses, it is important to track them. A budget book such as the "Dome Simplified Home Budget Book" offers pages on which you can log expenses, plus helpful information and tips to cut costs.

- Use a shopping list and stick to it. This can reduce the cost of impulse buying.

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