

Holiday Hints

Timesaving Tips

(NAPSA)—Following a few tips can help save shoppers time and money this holiday season. Experts say simple things such as sticking to your shopping list can help keep spending under control and hitting the malls and stores at off-hours will save you time.

These tips are particularly timely considering that one Harris Interactive survey found Americans expected to take about two months to finish holiday shopping.

Technology can also help save shoppers time. For instance, a wireless device called BlackBerry lets people access e-mail, their phone and the Internet—as well as providing a calendar, address book, task list and text messaging all in one device. They can be a good way to arrange party schedules, update shopping lists and access friends' mailing addresses, while on the go.

Here's a look at how they can help:

- **Make A List**—Instead of scribbling your shopping list on a scrap of paper, use the memo pad on your wireless device. That way, you can access and neatly manage the list wherever you are and it won't get crumpled.

- **Travel Light**—Use your mobile device instead of carrying around an address book. Add friends and family to the address book on the device and access those contacts quickly.

- **Holiday Work**—If you need to



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leave work early to shop or spend time with the family, use your device to stay on top of projects, respond to e-mails and check voice messages while you're away.

- **Holiday Parties**—Enter the dates on your device calendar to remind you of holiday parties.

- **Holiday Food Ideas**—Use the Web browser on your device to quickly look up the phone number and address of a local bakery. Then use the phone to call in a rush order for those tasty holiday treats.

- **Get Directions**—There are several software programs available for BlackBerry that provide turn-by-turn driving directions and maps, helping to ensure you get to your holiday party on time, stress free and ready to celebrate.

For more information, visit www.blackberry.com.