

Welcome to the Tuesday Tree Huggin' Tip!

Tip 17: Buy in Bulk.

The following tip is courtesy of [Trey Granger](#) from his "8 Ways to Go Green and Save Hundreds" article on Earth911.com . Who would think? --- Costco is the Earth's friend!



By buying in bulk, you could save more than \$200 on supplies and an estimated \$20 per year on gas.

- In almost every situation, the more of a product you buy, the less cost you'll endure per unit because the manufacturer or retailer will give you a bulk price rate.
- Individual packaging (most likely a form of plastic) is either difficult to recycle or not recyclable.
- Buying in bulk means less trips to the store or online orders, saving gas money and carbon emissions.

The \$ignificance:

An [experiment conducted by Real Simple](#) magazine in 2003 found that purchasing 15 common items at a warehouse store in bulk as opposed to the supermarket saved \$58.74 in Illinois and \$109.72 in New York (including a membership fee). The major reason for the price discrepancy was the supermarket prices per state. It's safe to assume that doing a majority of your shopping in bulk would save **more than \$200 on supplies** and an estimated **\$20 per year on gas**, regardless of where you live.

The Solution:

For goods that have a long shelf-life (i.e. anything that doesn't need refrigeration), opt for a larger quantity and recycle as much of the packaging as possible.

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Thanks to all of you that have let me know that you value these tips and I am happy to report I am back online after a summer hiatus. Keep up the green work and don't forget to hug a tree occasionally!

*Yours in crunchiness,*

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