



Shopping Online

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Security and Payment

- Better Business Bureau www.bbb.org/ Check out a business or a charity, file a complaint.
- Bill Me Later www.billmelater.com/index.xhtml Preregister here for online credit and pay without using a credit card. A division of PayPal.
- FTC Consumer Advice ftc.gov/bcp/menus/consumer/tech/online.shtm Guard against fraud, & protect personal information
- Google Checkout www.google.com/intl/en/options/ (select Checkout) Track orders & shipping information, keep credit card information in one place.
- PayPal www.paypal.com/ Pay online securely by linking credit or debit card to your PayPal account.
- PrivacyChoice.org www.privacychoice.org/ Learn about opt-out & browser privacy protections.
- SafeShopping.org www.safeshopping.org/ American Bar Association information for safe online ordering.
- Forbes article on privacy scams:
http://www.forbes.com/2010/04/08/shopping-amazon-paypal-technology-security-scams_2.html

Opinions and Reviews

- Amazon.com www.amazon.com/ Customer reviews solicited for products Amazon sells.
- CNET.com www.cnet.com/ Tech product reviews, news, price comparisons.
- Consumers' Checkbook www.checkbook.org/ Nonprofit ratings of local service providers. Available in the library.
- Consumer Reports www.consumerreports.org/cro/index.htm Ratings, reviews, expert buying advice.
- ShopSmart.org <http://shopsmartmag.org/> Consumer Reports light. Product reviews and recommendations.
- Consumer Search www.consumersearch.com/ Collects consumer reviews, analyzes them, recommends.
- Epinions www.epinions.com/ Consumer-generated reviews, buying tips & advice.

Comparison Shopping

- Bizrate.com www.bizrate.com/ Search wide range of products, compare prices. Offers coupons.
- Bottomdollar.com www1.bottomdollar.com/ Shopping comparison for electronics and other items.
- Consumer Reports www.consumerreports.org/cro/index.htm Has price & shop options for some products.
- MySimon www.mysimon.com/ Comparison shopping for wide range of products.
- Pricegrabber.com www.pricegrabber.com/ Compare prices on computers, electronics & other items.
- Shopzilla www.shopzilla.com/ Compare prices & read reviews of a wide range of products.

Search Engine Comparison Shopping

- Yahoo! Shopping <http://shopping.yahoo.com/> Read reviews, compare prices, shop.
- Google Product Search www.google.com/products Search products by name or model, get prices.
- Bing Shopping www.bing.com/shopping Read reviews & compare prices from selected vendors.

Find Discounts and Coupons

- RetailMeNot.com www.retailmenot.com/ Search for coupons for online & local stores.
- MyCoupons.com www.mycoupons.com/ Coupons for groceries, merchandise, local & online shopping.
- Redplum.com www.redplum.com/ Coupons for groceries, restaurants, merchandise & online shopping.
- CouponMountain www.couponmountain.com/ Coupons and discounts for online & local stores.
- FreeShipping.org www.freeshipping.org/ Coupon codes for free delivery.

Favorite Online Retailers -including Staff Favorites!

One stop shopping- they have it all!

Amazon.com www.amazon.com/ *You name it, Amazon sells it from electronics to groceries. #1 Staff pick.*
eBay www.ebay.com/ *Buy & sell almost anything. Used & new items.*
Overstock www.overstock.com/ *Name brand products at discount prices.*

Apparel & Sporting Goods

Alight.com www.alight.com/ *Trendy plus size women's fashions.*
Bluefly www.bluefly.com/ *Designer clothing, handbags, accessories & shoes.*
JJill.com www.jjill.com/ *Women's apparel & accessories.*
Lands End www.landsend.com/ *Apparel, outerwear & home goods.*
REI and REI Outlet www.rei.com/ *Outdoor & sporting goods, free shipping to store. 365 day returns.*
Sierra Trading Post www.sierratradingpost.com/ *Outdoor & sporting goods at discount prices.*
Zappos.com www.zappos.com/ *Shoes, clothing & accessories. Free shipping, both ways. 365 day returns.*

Other Specialty Categories – Books, jewelry, drugstore and cosmetics, eyeglasses, TV shopping networks.

Abe Books www.abebooks.com/ *Used ,new, rare & out-of-print books.*
Barnes & Noble www.barnesandnoble.com/ *Books, E-Reader, DVD's, music, toys & games.*
Beauty.com www.drugstore.com/beauty.asp?catid=9730 *Make-up, skincare, bath, & hair care.*
BlueNile www.bluenile.com/ *Diamonds & fine jewelry.*
HSN www.hsn.com/ *TV's Home Shopping Network site. Brand names, discount prices.*
Peepers www.peeperspecs.com/ *Large selection of fashionable reading glasses.*
QVC www.qvc.com/ *Website of TV shopping network. Wide range of products.*
Zenni Optical www.zennioptical.com *Prescription eyeglasses. Cheap!*

Cooking & Food

Chefs www.chefscatalog.com/ *Cookware, upscale brands.*
Cooking.com www.cooking.com/ *Cookware, tableware & housewares.*
Peapod www.peapod.com/ *Online grocery shopping & delivery service.*
Williams Sonoma www.williams-sonoma.com/ *Upscale cookware, tabletop & food.*
Wine.com www.wine.com/ *Buy wine online.*

Fun and Unique Items

EQuilter www.equilter.com/ *Online fabric store for quilters & crafters.*
Etsy www.etsy.com/ *Art Co-op. Buy & sell handmade jewelry, clothing, art, furniture. Staff fave.*
GreaterGood.com www.greatergood.com/ *Sites protecting the "health & well-being of people & the planet."
Discount & free shipping days.*
Lego.com www.lego.com/en-us/Default.aspx *Lego toys.*
Munktiki www.munktiki.com *Tiki items.*
Plastic Army Men www.plastic-army-men.com *Just what it says, plastic army men.*
Red Envelope www.redenvelope.com/ *Unique & personalized gifts.*
Threadless www.threadless.com/ *T-shirts designed & chosen by users.*

Geeky, Tech Stuff – Computers, Cameras, Audio, Video...

Computer Geeks. geeks.com */Tech related items. Deals & free shipping.*
J&R.com www.jr.com/ *"Creating the need for power strips since 1971."*
CNET.com www.cnet.com/ *Tech product reviews , price comparisons, videos, & podcasts.*

Home Décor

Art.com www.art.com/ *Posters, art prints, original art & framed art.*
Home Decorators www.homedecorators.com/ *Furniture & home décor.*
Crate and Barrel www.crateandbarrel.com/ *Home décor, furniture and housewares.*
Ballard Designs www.ballarddesigns.com/ *Furniture and decorator items such as rugs, mirrors, lighting.*
West Elm www.westelm.com/ *Contemporary furniture and accessories.*