

# Tips that can total big bucks

It's possible to save money shopping for groceries without cooking everything from scratch, packing your purse with coupons, or purchasing foods in season.

Here are some easy tips that can total big bucks.

1. Keep a grocery list. Gas for an extra trip to the store can easily add dollars to your grocery bill. And the less you shop, the less likely you will make an impulse purchase. Keep a grocery list where it's easily accessible, such as on the fridge and remember to take it with you to the grocery store. Stick to your list for added savings, but do stay flexible if you encounter a sale.

2. Garbage check. We lose money whenever we toss food because it spoiled before we got around to eating it. If leftovers get the "heave ho" because they're left too long, we're putting money in the garbage can. Make planning to avoid tossing foods a priority.

Consider: If wilted lettuce is a frequent occupant of your garbage can, serve more salads at the beginning of the week. If extra mashed potatoes get tossed because they've lingered too long in the fridge, make less next time. Or recycle them as potato patties, shepherd's pie or potato soup within a day or two of making them. Some other ideas: Use ripe bananas in banana bread; add juice to smoothies or make popsicles; or freeze leftovers for another meal.

3. Avoid shopping when hungry. Everything looks good on an empty



## Home Time

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stomach. And, it's all too easy to buy something to tide us over in the car until we make it home. Eating before going shopping not only helps forestall impulse buys, it may save calories. If you're shopping with your kids, feed them in advance, as well.

4. Brown bag it. If you normally eat out at noon, consider brown bagging it at least one day a week. The typical fast food meal easily can cost \$5.00 or more. Take food left over from the evening meal to work the next day. A peanut butter sandwich and a piece of whole fruit quickly can be packed from foods on hand.

5. Coupon common sense. Use coupons only for foods you normally would eat, rather than for "extras". Don't miss out on potential sources of valuable coupons. Check your grocery receipt. Sometimes there are great coupons on the back that help save money. Also, if you have access to a computer, check online for coupons. For starters, check the Web site of the store where you shop or of products you use. Often the Web site address for many foods is on the product label.

If possible, shop on double or triple coupon days when a store increases the value of coupons. Grocery store loyalty cards may be another source of savings, offering in-store discounts to cardholders.

6. Check expiration dates. Avoid buying a food that is past its prime. If it's on sale and near its expiration date, use it soon.

7. Small scale experiments. Before trying a new food, buy the smallest size package. If your family doesn't like the food, you won't be stuck with a big box of it.

8. Costly convenience foods. How much time do you really save when you buy a convenience food? It takes just a few seconds to mix your own sugar and cinnamon rather than buying it pre-mixed. Micro-waving a bowl of regular oatmeal rather than pouring hot water over a pre-measured package adds only a few minutes.

You save by cutting fruits and veggies yourself.

These are just a few suggestions. 1 K-State Research and Extension Office. You may also e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

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# TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
of Various Townships - DECATUR County, Kansas  
for the year ending December 31, 2007, for the Preparation of the 2009 Budget.

LYON TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	-0-	2,510	2,510	-0-	-0-
ROAD FUND	-0-	16,873	16,380	493	340
SPEC MACH	11,554	6,000	-0-	17,554	-0-
TOTALS	11,554	25,383	18,890	18,047	340
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		LAWRENCE CARTER Township Treasurer	GIRARD MCKENNA Township Trustee	GREG MILLER Township Clerk	

OBERLIN TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	6,249	177	1,222	5,204	-0-
ROAD FUND	83	15,232	9,698	5,617	-0-
SPEC ROAD	5,098	5,934	-0-	11,032	-0-
TOTALS	11,430	21,343	10,920	21,853	-0-
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		GENE MORFORD Township Treasurer	MIKE COLEMAN Township Trustee	RONALD BRYAN Township Clerk	

OLIVE TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	5,700	60	350	5,410	-0-
ROAD FUND	952	14,658	12,569	3,041	-0-
TOTALS	6,652	14,718	12,919	8,451	-0-
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		DENISE ABBEY Township Treasurer	JIM ABBEY Township Trustee	BRIAN SIMONSSON Township Clerk	

PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	-0-	3,943	1,223	2,720	610
ROAD FUND	1,002	20,048	17,343	3,708	-0-
SPEC ROAD	-0-	5,524	-0-	5,524	-0-
SPEC MACH	32,642	7,125	-0-	39,766	-0-
TOTALS	33,644	36,640	18,566	51,718	610
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		PAUL NAUER Township Treasurer	KENNETH CARTER Township Trustee	LAWRENCE JENNINGS Township Clerk	

PRAIRIE DOG TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	22	1,597	1,254	365	-0-
ROAD FUND	1	15,241	12,966	2,276	2,597
SPEC ROAD	2,410	6,638	-0-	9,048	-0-
SPEC MACH	325	2,600	-0-	2,925	-0-
TOTALS	2,758	26,076	14,220	14,614	2,597
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		BETTY HICKERT Township Treasurer	RICK HICKERT Township Trustee	KENT ASHLEY Township Clerk	

ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	224	3,655	1,529	2,350	160
ROAD FUND	515	16,070	16,579	6	-0-
SPEC MACH	19,850	6,250	-0-	26,100	-0-
TOTALS	20,589	25,975	18,108	28,456	160
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		TERRY RUSH Township Treasurer	MIKE FERGUSON Township Trustee	PAUL UEHLIN Township Clerk	

SAPPA TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	3,951	1,102	874	4,179	250
ROAD FUND	1,792	12,760	11,966	2,961	-0-
SPEC MACH	16,975	5,000	-0-	21,600	-0-
TOTALS	22,718	18,862	12,840	28,740	250
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		ROD BRYAN Township Treasurer	PAUL SHIELDS Township Trustee	RICHARD ANDERSON Township Clerk	

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	6,957	1,843	1,112	7,688	-0-
ROAD FUND	4,292	9,986	8,178	6,100	-0-
TOTALS	11,249	11,829	9,290	13,788	-0-
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		LARRY ROE Township Treasurer	Township Trustee	BRAD UEHLIN Township Clerk	

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP					
	Cash			Outstanding Warrants as of Dec 31st	
	Balance	Receipts	Expenditures		
GENERAL FUND	4,723	1,607	710	5,620	-0-
ROAD FUND	4,804	11,761	6,930	9,635	-0-
TOTALS	9,527	13,368	7,640	15,255	-0-
Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007 \$ -0-					
Certified by:		ELAINE MARCUSON Township Treasurer	MONTE MOORE Township Trustee	BRAD MARCUSON Township Clerk	

The above named Township Officers do certify that the foregoing is a summary of moneys received by the various Townships and expended together with the indebtedness of said various Township for the year ending December 31, 2007.

All of the above Townships had 0 Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2007. Detailed Statements of Receipts, Expenditures and Liabilities are available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk.

-Form required by K.S. A 80-410 - Done so by - Marilyn Horn, Decatur County Clerk