

# 10 Money Saving Tips for Organic Baby Products

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If you've spent time on [Organic Baby Resource](http://www.organic-baby-resource.com), you likely know the benefits of using organic products for your baby and family. However, fitting them into your budget can be easier said than done - unless you know where to find savings.

When I had my daughter, we had a rocky transition from two incomes to one. So, I know the frustration of not being able to purchase organic baby products when you want to.

As a result I got creative, and over time was able to incorporate more and more organic products into our family's budget. Here are the 10 tips to help you do the same:

## 1. Shop the store brand.

Grocery store brand items are often just as good as the ones you pay a premium for. If your grocery store has a certified organic store brand then you can generally get some good savings.

For example my grocery store is owned by Safeway, which also owns the [O Organics brand of products](#).



By selecting the store brand, I can generally find savings on all types of organic items such as milk, produce, snacks, baby food items and more. *Hint: Always check store brand prices against the sale price and coupon offers on popular brands, then choose the best deal.*

## 2. If you are loyal to a brand name, visit their website and get coupons.

Signing up for a company's newsletter is one of the best ways to stay abreast of the **sales and coupon offers** from your favorite organic baby food and clothing brands. Try and determine a pattern for when your favorite items are on sale and prepare to stock up when they do.

You can also find web savings for brand name products sold **in grocery stores**. For example, [Horizon](#), the popular maker of organic dairy products rotates printable coupon offers on their sites.

[Stonyfield Farms](#), the makers of YoBaby Organic Yogurt also offers coupons on their website.

This [article](#) from About.com's Frugal Living Section mentions several other brands such as [Earth's Best](#) and [Cascadian Farms](#) that offer online coupons on natural and organic food products.

Keep checking Organic Baby Resource as we are also growing our section of [organic baby coupons](#).

## 3. Make baby food.

[Making baby food](#) requires more planning and preparation, but using fresh produce to make organic baby food is cheaper than buying both organic and

conventional prepared food from stores.

For example, one organic sweet potato could cost you up to \$2 and make 24 - 36, 1-oz. servings of baby food. I don't know of any case of baby food that costs this little.

Even if you don't want to make all of your baby's food, making and serving some simple foods, like bananas, peas or avocados could give you more money to spend in other areas of your budget.

Likewise, with the other type of baby food mamas can make, breast milk. As a [breastfeeding mom](#), you have the benefit of applying money saved on formula to other expenses.

#### **4. Buy fresh, local produce via a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm or food-buying co-op.**

I wasn't really convinced that this could bring a savings until I tried it. By joining a CSA, I'm able to load up on organic and pesticide-free produce for a significant savings.

The pricing and details vary per CSA. However, the concept is that you pre-pay a farmer for a portion of their harvest and get your produce during growing season.

A food co-op might involve joining with a group of people who negotiate lower prices from a farmer or group of farmers. It can resemble a small health food store or buying club. You can start your own or join an existing one.

My CSA is actually a hybrid of these two concepts. Get more information and locate a farm or co-op near you on [Local Harvest.org](#).

#### **5. Reconsider Re-usables.**

Have you tried [cloth diapers](#) and wipes and decided it's too much of a hassle? Many parents find cloth diapering may not be ideal for outings, overnight, or day car situations.

However, your commitment to reusable diapers or wipes doesn't have to be

all or nothing. You could try using one cloth diaper between dinner and bedtime each evening.

Another idea is to use reusable wipes at home and when your baby's bum is not heavily soiled. This way your disposable stash can last longer, causing you to spend less.

## **6. Buy more when items are on sale or clearance.**

This tip actually applies to food and apparel.

If organic blueberries or bananas are on sale, get more than one week's worth. You can freeze them for smoothies and other recipes or make a larger batch of baby food and store it for later.

When it comes to organic baby apparel, seasonal items go on sale midseason and most items eventually go on clearance.

When they do, order multiple colors or sizes of the items you really like. Of course, you should only do this if you have the extra cash to spend. Remember, there will always be another sale.



## **7. Shop with stores that let you skip the shipping costs.**

It can be difficult to find quality, organic products in local retail stores. However, many online stores offer free shipping if you purchase a certain amount. Yes, you do have to buy more, but stores like [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) offer so many different types of items that you can meet the free shipping threshold by buying things you needed anyway.

For example, if you see a onesie on sale, you can add a pack of diapers or a case of baby food to your shopping cart and qualify for the free shipping.

By doing this you are not only buying items you need without the shipping cost, but you can also save on the cost per individual item by purchasing a larger quantity than you would in the grocery store.

You will want to double check to make sure each item qualifies for **FREE Super Saver Shipping** before checking out. As a general rule items shipped directly from Amazon will generally qualify for free shipping, while items shipped from third party stores won't. Often you can find the same item is available through many different sellers if you do a quick search.



[Amazon](#) is also savvy at keeping track of the type of items you browse and shop for. I often get emails when any brand of organic baby food or apparel goes on sale or issues coupon codes.

[Nubius Organics](#) and [Wild Dill](#) are two boutiques that specialize in organic baby apparel. Both offer free shipping with a \$50 and \$65 purchase, respectively. Wild Dill actually keeps its [Sale](#) section full of end-of-season bargains.

## 8. Sign up for Bargain Alerts.

A new breed of deal and steal websites are cropping up. They function sort of like Home Shopping Network, but are online. Each day they post a new item available for just above wholesale prices. You have to buy that day before they run out of supplies, and the prices are so good that they generally don't have a problem with that.



My only warning is the deals can be addictive to people who love to shop. A bargain is never a reason to spend money not budgeted for. Again, there will always be another sale. [Babysteals.com](#) and [Greenbabybargains.com](#) are two examples of this.

## 9. Buy Low on Auction Websites.

If you know your way around auction sites like [EBay](#) you can get some steals on new and gently used items.

To protect your dollars, shop with high rated sellers. Limit yourself to pictured items and never go off the site to finalize transactions.

## 10. Use food-based products to moisturize your baby.

In order to establish an easy way for parents to identify personal care products for their babies, I only recommend certified organic skin care products on [Organic Baby Resource.com](http://www.organic-baby-resource.com).

I know they can be pricey at times (especially if you don't have a coupon code.)

However, you save on baby oils and lotions by using food based oils already in your kitchen to moisturize baby's skin.

[Olive oil and coconut oil](#) are two of my favorites that are easily absorbed by the skin and contain many other nutritive benefits. They also work on older babies that require extra moisturizer in their hair. You can pick these up while grocery shopping and pour what you plan to use for personal care into a small non-toxic plastic container.



Remember, when trying any new skin care regimen, always spot test for allergies before applying all over your baby.

**\*Bonus Tip: Grow your income.**

Earning money on the side was one of the most helpful things I did to afford more organic baby products.

You can try short-term solutions such as putting on a garage sale or posting used items on [Craigslist](#), [EBay](#) or [Amazon](#).

There are also a growing number of direct marketing organizations that are compatible with people living a green and organic lifestyle such as [One Group](#), an organic personal care products company and [Green Irene](#).



Another idea is to assess your skill sets and offer them to larger companies as a consultant. If you are skilled at copywriting, graphic or web design or using social media, there are lots of opportunities awaiting you.

I chose to start a web-based business. There are lots of ways to do this, but I don't think I could have done it without the all-in-one hosting and website building package that [Site Build It!](#) offers. The step-by-step action guide and Block Builder allowed me to build a site before I knew any website coding languages.

Whatever you do for extra income, make sure it fulfills a passion and doesn't feel like a chore. That way you're more likely to stick with it.

Happy earning and happy savings!

I hope these tips are helpful to you. One thing they all have in common is they require a bit of planning and delayed gratification to get the best deals. However, I hope you'll find it is possible to prioritize your family's budget and use organic baby products. Just go at your own pace and enjoy the journey.

## Links to More Articles

These articles on Organic Baby Resource were also written with the budget-savvy shopper in mind.

- [Budgeting for Organic Baby Clothes](#)
- [Budgeting for Organic Nursery Bedding](#)
- [Cost Saving Tips For Organic Food: Making Healthy Foods Affordable For Your Baby](#)

And don't forget to subscribe to our [Organic Baby Blog](#). When you do, you'll be the first to know when new deals are added to our [coupon section](#) as well as new opportunities to [win free organic baby products](#).

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