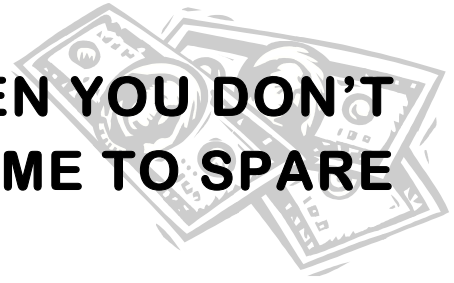




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# SAVING MONEY WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A DIME TO SPARE



Do you tell yourself you don't make enough money to save any?

Do you wonder where all your money really goes?

Do you spend small amounts of money daily or weekly without even thinking about it?

Those small amounts add up -- just look at the chart below!

Curb your "mindless" spending and you could be \$7,000 richer at the end of one year!!

Item	How Often	Price	Savings/Year	Your Savings
Soft drink	1/day	\$ 1.00	\$ 365.00	
Candy bar/Chips	1/day	.60	219.00	
Beer	1/day	3.00	1095.00	
Magazine	1/week	3.50	182.00	
Cigarettes (plus tax)	1/pack/day	4.75	1733.45	
Tank of gas	1/week	18.00	1060.00	
Music CD	1/month	17.00	204.00	
Lottery Ticket	2/week	2.00	208.00	
Fast food lunch	5 days/week	5.00	1300.00	
Name brand tennis shoes	2/year	125.00	250.00	
Donut	1/day	.60	219.00	
DVD rental	2/week	5.00	520.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 7355.75/yr</b>	

\* Prices shown are typical costs. Discounts/coupons are not considered in this example.

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