

## Your Year, by the Buys

Whatever you're in the market for, there's an ideal time of year to get it. Here's a guide to the best months for purchasing anything and everything.



### NOVEMBER

**TVs:** Although these go on and off sale all year, the period before Christmas (what an awesome gift!) and the Super Bowl is the prime time to pick up that new gigantic flat screen you've been coveting.



### DECEMBER

**Champagne and wine:** With holiday soirées (and of course, New Year's Eve toasts) coming up, the specials abound.



### JANUARY

**Gym memberships:** Time to follow up on your New Year's resolution to get rid of that post-holiday bloat, and the fitness clubs are making deals all over the place.

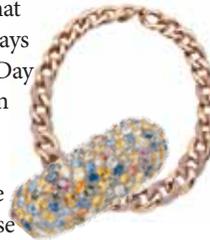
### FEBRUARY

**Boats:** It's boat show season not just in Miami Beach, but all the way up to Massachusetts, which means it's also the best opportunity you're likely to have to successfully negotiate the price of your dream boat.



### MARCH

**Jewelry:** Now that the winter holidays and Valentine's Day are over — when the prices are typically jacked up — is the time to scoop up those baubles on sale.



### APRIL

**Tires and auto parts:** April is actually National Car Care Month, so this is when you'll probably start getting those mailers offering deals on oil changes, service, tire rotation and even buy-three-get-one-tire free.



### MAY

**Mattresses:** The new ones arrive in stores, so you can get good deals on the previous year's models.



### JUNE

**Tools:** The deals abound just before Father's Day — makes sense, right?



### SEPTEMBER

**Home appliances:** The new ones come in this month and next, so the ones that were already in stock get

discounted. Tip: Check out the holiday weekend sales, like Labor Day and Columbus Day.

### JULY

**Summer clothing:** This is when it gets deeply discounted, because — believe it or not — it's also when the new fall/winter items hit stores, including boots, jackets and the like. And here in South Florida, we can wear shorts, tees and sandals well into the fall (and even winter).



### AUGUST

**Computers:** It's back-to-school time, so electronics stores are banking on the idea that you're in the market for a new laptop or desktop for the student in your house. Grab one now on sale, along with an updated piece of hardware for yourself.



### OCTOBER

**Toys and games:** The hottest items that are about to show up on the kids' Christmas lists are still in stores and often marked down, so it's just another reason (other than the top two — beating the holiday crush, and risking them being completely MIA come Black Friday) to get out there and scoop them up.



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