

Tips and Resources for Saving Money

❖ Bread Giveaways

Aggie Village and University Village both sponsor a program twice a month called the Bread Giveaway program. Local grocery stores donate bread approaching its expiration date to Apartment Life. A variety of different types of bread and pastries are available.

Look for the Bread Giveaway program on your Aggie Village or University Village weekly calendar.

❖ SHARE Colorado

SHARE Colorado is a statewide initiative to provide families in the state with great food and produce at an affordable price and to encourage community service. Packages offer fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen meats, and staple items. You can purchase available for a variety of sizes and prices, ranging from the produce package or junior package for \$11 to the regular package for \$21 to specialty packages. All SHARE Colorado asks for in return is 2 hours of community service per month. For more information, please visit:

http://www.sharecolorado.com/index.cfm?action=how_does_share_work

❖ Thrift Stores

Thrift Stores sell a variety of items such as clothing, shoes, accessories for adults and children, as well as household wares, books, and furniture. Most items in the store are previously-owned and slightly used, but they must be in good condition for the store to re-sell them. Thrift stores are a great place to pick up clothing and toys for growing children because you don't lose very much money if the child ruins the clothes or outgrows them quickly. Thrift stores are also a very economical and environmental choice in purchasing adult clothing and household items (reduce, REUSE, recycle)

The following is a list of local thrift stores in Fort Collins:

- ARC – 106 E. Foothills Pkwy (970) 267-8870
- Habitat Home Supply Store – 4001 S. Taft Hill Rd. (970) 223-9909
- Salvation Army – 246 N. College Ave. (970) 224-3340
- Savers – 4106 S. College Ave (970) 282-9446
- Harmony Kids – 925 E. Harmony (970) 226-2662
- Once Upon a Child – 4519 S. College Ave. (970) 266-9999
- Goodwill – 320 Walnut St. (970) 482-5856
- Repeat Boutique – 239 Linden (970) 493-1039 or 3307 S. college Ave. (970) 377-9678
- The Mint Clothing Exchange 702 S. College Ave. (970) 407-1406
- Eco Thrift- 302 N Meldrum St (970) 484-4224

❖ **Coupons**

Cutting coupons from the local newspaper and using them in stores and restaurants can be a great way to save money and try out new restaurants. The Fort Collins Coloradoan Sunday newspaper and the Denver Post Sunday newspaper have inserts of coupons that give you a discount when you purchase certain products. Also, CSU prints coupon books each semester that offer discounts at restaurants and businesses close to campus. The coupon books can be obtained from your area office or from the Lory Student Center. Many coupons offer buy one- get one free promotions or saving a certain amount of money when you purchase a specific brand of product or a special service.

In addition, most newspapers contain the insert all grocery stores publish advertising the specials of the week. If you carefully investigate the weekly specials and purchase items in bulk when they are on sale, you can save a lot of money.

❖ **Consumer Credit Counseling Service**

<http://www.cccsnc.org/default.aspx>

