

“Help! I need some extra cash!”

From selling unwanted items to using your skills to earn extra cash, our work-from-home pros share the *convenient* ways to put cash back in your wallet!

1 “Sit” your way to more money!

Profit from pet-sitting!

Great with animals? “DogVacay is a matchmaker for people looking for pet-sitters and people looking to pet-sit,” reveals work-from-home pro Anna Thurman. “Just create a pet-sitting profile on DogVacay.com and people looking for pet-sitters in your area can hire you through the site. You set your own rates, but DogVacay does charge a 15%-20% fee for each transaction, their cut for providing the platform. Many pet-sitters charge \$50 a night for pet-sitting, sometimes more. Despite the name, DogVacay isn't limited to dogs—you can be a pet-sitter for cats as well. The company has a presence in most major U.S. cities.” Learn more at DogVacay.com.



Care for kids!

Love kids? Just go to Care.com to create a profile and find babysitting opportunities in your area for an average fee of \$12.50 an hour. Retirees and seniors tend to be especially in-demand as “super sitters” because of their experience and patience!

2 Get paid for everyday tasks!

Watch TV!

Watching TV can earn you a \$5 gift card to places like CVS each week! Just download the Viggle app, says work-from-home expert Leslie Truex, then “check in” whenever you turn on the tube. Earn extra points for becoming a “fan” of a show, doing surveys and referring friends. Redeem points for electronics, gift cards and more.



Surf online!

Messaging friends or checking your favorite online blogs? Why not get paid while you're at it at SuperPay.me? Fill out online surveys—some take as little as five minutes—and get paid for your time via Paypal or through Amazon gift cards. Earn more money by referring others. And if you use the “Shoutbox” option onscreen to chat with moderators, you can get their advice on more ways to earn cash!

3 Sell stuff!

Unload unwanted items!

The most valuable items you can sell on eBay that you probably already own? Vinyl records, particularly older ones from the '60s or '70s, or those from big-name bands like The Beatles or The Rolling Stones, can net \$100, often more. iPod Classics with storage sizes of 80 GB or greater are also in demand and sell for hundreds of dollars. Basically, almost anything old is new again—and valuable—to someone. So



before discarding any old thing, check out sites like eBay.com or Decluttr.com to learn its value!

● Don't have any “valuables” lying around the house? “Check out Craigslist's ‘free stuff’ section,” advises personal finance expert Kyle Taylor. “This is a great way to make a profit, since you don't pay anything for the items!” You just pick them up, then resell them online, at a local pawn shop or yard sale.

4 Find “lost” money!

Check for “hidden” property!

The federal government is sitting on \$33 billion-worth of unclaimed property from pensions to refunds to insurance checks! And you can find out if any of it rightfully belongs to you at the free website Unclaimed.org. Just click on your state and start your search!



Get paid to shop!

“Smartphone apps like ReceiptHog, Ibotta and Shopkick reward users for what they're already doing,” says work-from-home expert Holly Reism Hanna. “On ReceiptHog you just scan your receipts into the app and for each receipt, you'll earn a specified amount of coins. Coins can be traded in for PayPal cash or an Amazon gift card. Ibotta is another app where you can earn rewards for scanning receipts. And with ShopKick you earn ‘kicks’ for visiting stores, scanning products, referring friends and making purchases. Kicks can be traded in for gift cards from a wide variety of merchants.”

—Kristina Mastrocola

Our expert panel



Anna Thurman founded RealWaysToEarnMoneyOnline.com, where she shares leads and reviews of work-at-home companies.



Leslie Truex—the owner of WorkAtHomeSuccess.com and the author of *The Online Job Resource*—is an entrepreneur and mom trying to do it all from the comfort of her home.



Kyle Taylor is revolutionizing the way Americans think about financial planning, budgeting, investing and making personal finance fun as founder of ThePennyHoarder.com.



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