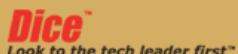



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Over at the To-Done weblog, D. Keith Robinson points out one of the best weapons in your productivity arsenal - the ability to say "no" to work requests at the right times. Keith focuses on saying no to additional requests within existing projects. I'd add that the ability to pass on new things - from projects, committees, sports teams or anything that could turn out to be a time and energy sink is a time and sanity saver, too.



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Give your home an energy audit

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Energy Bill for Homes in Los Angeles, California



Money Saver: Cooking at home for non-chefs

The Get Rich Slowly weblog does a nice roundup of resources for folks who want to eat out less to save some dough but who are all thumbs in the kitchen.

I have friends who dine out for nearly every meal: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I'm sure they have a good time and eat well, but this is an expensive habit. Some people don't eat at home because they don't know how to cook. It's easy to learn, though. And cooking is a skill that you can use for the rest of your life.

After you enter your zip code and fill out 19 energy questions about your home, the Weblog says a suggestion that you use to save money on ingredients in the kitchen. The food isn't the biggest energy user in the kitchen, but it's still a significant energy user. What do you do something better, need only to piece together a few tips and tricks to save money on ingredients in the kitchen. The food isn't the biggest energy user in the kitchen, but it's still a significant energy user. What do you do something better, need only to piece together a few tips and tricks to save money on ingredients in the kitchen.

[Home energy tips: More tips on saving money on energy bills](#)

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Money Saver: Lower bills with Energy Star lightbulbs

Weblog Sound Money tips recommends replacing your home's high-use standard incandescent lightbulbs with energy-efficient bulbs that have earned the EPA's 'Energy Star.'



Energy Star-qualified light fixtures and bulbs use 2/3 less energy than traditional lighting and last up to 10 times longer. By replacing just five of your home's most frequently used fixtures or the light bulbs in them with energy-efficient lighting, you can save more than \$60 each year in energy costs.

[Tip for Lowering Energy Bills](#) [Sound Money Tips]

Publicist Kevin Huvane denies Us Weekly's cover story re: Vaughn's engagement, leaving celebrity wedding watchers crushed, and Vaughn still gay.

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Use a wiki for your family's holiday lists

Loyal reader [Ramit Sethi](#) writes in with this tip for keeping gift lists organized this holiday season:

Instead of sending around 83259325 emails to see what your family wants for Christmas, use a wiki instead. Everyone can put what they want and see what other people want.

Set one up at <http://www.pbwiki.com> (takes 10 seconds) and even Grandma will be able to use it. We promise.

This is an excellent idea, and for the really savvy family, you could take it even further. Plan who's bringing what foods to Christmas dinner, where and when you're meeting, etc.

A holiday wiki could be a huge time- and energy-saver this holiday season.

[PBwiki](#)

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Make Firefox remember any password

Removed autocomplete=off from 1 form and from 0 form elements, and removed onsubmit from 1 form. After you type your password and submit the form, the browser will offer to remember your password.

OK

The CyberNet Technology News blog has a simple solution for getting Firefox to save your username and password for those sites that won't let you store your password.

The method is simple. You add a Password Saver bookmarklet to your Firefox toolbar, and when you end up at a site that won't let you save your login info, just click the bookmarklet, then log in as you normally would. This time you'll be able to tell Firefox to remember your password.

I tried it out at a couple of sites I normally have to log into every time and it seems to do the trick. Keep in mind that a lot of sites that don't let you autocomplete the login generally do so for security reasons (e.g., your bank), so if you do use this method, you might want to at least [secure your saved passwords](#). — ADAM PASH

[Tweak Firefox's Password Saver Without An Extension](#) [CyberNetNews.com]

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Around The Water Cooler: Best comment thread roundup

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How to Save Money by Maintaining your Fridge

Cleaning a refrigerator periodically can reduce food safety risks, help reduce energy costs and minimize food losses that can drive up overall food costs.

A clean refrigerator typically requires less energy to keep cool. Also, cross contamination of foods is less likely to occur if an appliance is free of spills and leftovers or other foods past their prime.

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Plan your schedule around your energy

Merlin Mann gives us another in his great "Modest Change" series. This time in audio format. And the change? Honor Thy Energy.

Learn the times you re most energetic and productive, and adjust your schedule and your work accordingly. Also: please just let the teenagers sleep, for God s sake.

Very good perspective and worthy advice in this one.

[Honor Thy Energy](#) [via [43 Folders](#)]

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Green roundup

In honor of the day after Earth Day, some of the greener posts here on Lifehacker:

[Get cash for your old cell phone](#)

[Make sandals from an old tire](#)

[Reuse water with a toilet seat sink](#)

[Google maps computer refurbishers](#)

[Save a tree: download your manuals](#)

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A big screen TV means a big electric bill

The Christian Science Monitor reports that big screen TV's are the SUV's of electricity consumption:

With sales expected to skyrocket - and with only outmoded testing and efficiency standards available to alert people about energy consumption - digital big-screen TVs are poised to generate big hikes in home energy use and pollution, unless manufacturers act swiftly to adopt more efficient technologies.

[As TVs grow, so do electric bills](#) [Christian Science Monitor via [Make: Blog](#)]

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Ask the Readers: Eating healthy on a small budget

The Get Rich Slowly blog highlights a few tips for eating healthy on a tight budget in response to a question over at Ask MetaFilter.

The post offers several both tried-and-true and good-for-you snacks and meals and also suggests that you [cook more meals at home](#). It's a worthwhile post with a nice roundup of similar Ask Mefi questions, but I'd still like to hear what advice our readers have for healthy eating on a budget. Let's hear your favorite cheap and healthy eats in the comments or at tips at lifehacker.com.



[Healthy Food on an Unhealthy Budget](#) [Get Rich Slowly]

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Ways to live sustainably

Inspired by Al Gore's talk on global warming, *Popular Science* writer Megan Miller set out to reduce her energy consumption and the amount of carbon dioxide her lifestyle contributes to the atmosphere.



First she used the [Carbon Calculator](#) to figure out her current level of carbon dioxide output. To get that number down, she switched her energy plan to include local wind, solar and low-impact hydroelectric sources, and signed up for a local farm produce program to reduce the energy costs of shipping food from distant places.

Any lifehackers take actions like these to reduce their energy consumption and live more Earth-friendly? Tell us about it in the comments or to tips at lifehacker.com.

[It's Pretty Easy Being Green](#) [PopSciBlog]

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Money Saver: don't print photos at home



The New York Times reports that consumers are using commercial services to print their digital photos instead of buying a printer and doing it at home, because it's cheaper.

After purchasing a home photo printer plus ink and photo paper, one 4x6 print can cost around 28 cents. Online printers like Snapfish and printers at retailers like Sam's Club charge around 13 cents a print. The trick is to realize that while printers are cheap, the ink and paper is not:

Printers return relatively low profit margins. But the ink, ounce for ounce, is four times the cost of Krug Clos du Mesnil Champagne, which sells for around \$425 a bottle. Ink is about the same price as Joy perfume, considered to be one of the more pricey fragrances, at \$158 for a 2.5-ounce bottle.

See previous Lifehacker post [photo printing price comparison](#) to comparison shop commercial printers.

[Why Do-It-Yourself Photo Printing Doesn't Add Up](#) [NYT]

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How to make baby wipes

Do-it-yourselfer Bryan Horling publishes instructions on how to make baby wipes at home with paper towels, a table saw, soap, baby oil and a plastic container. Horling says homemade wipes cost about a fifth of store-bought wipes, a big money-saver for penny-pinching parents.

[Homemade Baby Wipes](#) [via [MAKE: Blog](#)]Read more: [DIY](#), [Household](#), [Kids](#), [Parenting](#), [Saving Money](#)

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Home Cleaning Tips

Over at Lifehack.org Leon has pulled together 150 useful home cleaning tips and tricks.

Cleaning is the most time consuming job in house keeping. Worse of all, some stains are hard to clean out. Even if you are spending all your efforts or energy, you may not clean them probably. So how to combat with all those difficulties and save your time on these cleaning tasks?



Some of them are useful for a specific mess like cleaning up gum or lipstick, and others are good, daily-type tips that'll help you spend less time cleaning and more time relaxing, working or playing. A good page to have bookmarked if you ask me.

[150 Tips and Tricks on Cleaning](#) [Lifehack.org]Read more: [Cleaning](#), [Household](#), [Top](#)[1 comment by Kanako](#)

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The 60% savings rule

The editor in chief of MSN Money, Richard Jenkins, says the best way for him to come out ahead at the end of the month financially is to only spend 60% of his income.

Socking away 40% of your income into retirement and savings seems like a HUGE chunk of change to miss out on in your regular spending. But Jenkins says if the 60% rule seems impossible, you're probably in a lifestyle situation that needs to change.

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