## **CR MONEY SAVER**

## CAN RETAIL MEMBERSHIPS SAVE YOU MONEY?

Retail membership plans are multiplying; these programs charge a fee in exchange for exclusive member perks and savings. In turn, the retailers hope you'll be more loyal and spend more with them. Before you sign up, ask yourself how often you'll use these services. With that in mind, weigh the cost against potential savings and other benefits, as well as the cancellation or auto-renew policy. Retailers may also track or share your data: To become a member, you may need to share your name, address, phone number, and other information, such as date of birth. Some may even track what you're buying and how often, and use that information to hone their business. So read any agreement carefully before you sign up.

To see the cost-benefit breakdowns of even more retail memberships, All-Access and Digital members can go to CR.org/retail1219.

Amazon Prime AMC Stubs Premiere Barnes & Noble Membership Bed Bath & Beyond BEYOND+ CVS carepass Newegg PREMIER Wayfair **MYWAY** 

cost

\$119/year

<u>\$15/year</u>

\$25/year

\$29/year

\$5/month or \$48/year

\$19.99/three months or \$29.99/six months or \$49.99/year \$29.99/year

## select benefits

Prime provides free one-day delivery on over 10 million items, free two-day delivery on over 100 million items on Amazon.com, and free sameday delivery in 5,000 cities and towns on select items. Plus access to Prime music. Prime video, and Amazon's Kindle Lending Library. Also: discounts at Whole Foods Market.

Online ticketing fees are waived for members, and you can go through priority lanes at AMC box office and concession stands. You'll also get free upgrades on popcorn and fountain drinks. free refills on large popcorn, and 100 rewards points for every \$1 spent (once you have 5,000 points, you'll get a \$5 reward).

When you sign up for a B&N Membership with Barnes & Noble, you'll get a variety of coupons. Membership includes 40 percent off hardcover best sellers. 10 percent off most other items, and free express shipping in one to three days.

Members receive free standard shipping on most items and 20 percent off all purchases made in stores or online. Members also receive 30 percent off Decorist, a website that offers online interior design services from professional decorators.

This pass offers 20 percent off CVS Health brand products and a \$10 monthly CarePass reward to use in-store or online. Members get free shipping on some items, free one- to twoday prescription delivery on qualifying prescriptions, and access to a 24/7 pharmacist hotline.

This online electronics store offers a membership for up to four people, with free threeday shipping and free returns with no restocking fees-plus exclusive deals and a dedicated customer-service line. Newega offers a full refund if you haven't used any benefits in the current membership

term.

Wayfair's membership gives you free shipping on all orders, 25 percent off product assembly (such as furniture), and exclusive sales offers. The membership also applies to the brand's sister companies: AllModern, Joss & Main, and Birch Lane.



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