

SMARTER shopper

Uncover best buys for this month to make sweet savings

September marks the end of summer, and with this shift comes a change in our shopping habits too. Here's how to get the most out of the season's offers, and make your home more comfortable as autumn draws in...

Snap up end-of-season deals. We've all heard of a good old-fashioned spring clean, but how about an autumn one? You can find great savings on cleaning equipment at this time of year as retailers are keen to rotate new stock in. Home & garden brand Kärcher, for example, regularly has up to 30% off lines – including indoor floor cleaners and outdoor leaf vacuums – both online and via popular stockists such as B&Q and Argos.

Think ahead to the festive period. It may still feel a while away, but planning ahead for Christmas can pay off. 'We find a lot of customers suddenly decide they need a bigger or extending dining table to cater for family and friends come December,' says Adam Brown, director at The Painted Furniture Company. 'I would highly recommend starting this process in September to allow for the furniture to be built in time.'

Upgrade your heating while it's still warm.

Replacing radiators can be an upheaval, but a modern energy-efficient heating system could help you save on bills. 'Your heating needs to be off for the duration of the work, so if it's winter the house is going to be very cold – not ideal if you're working from home or have a young family,' explains Nick Duggan, Director at The Radiator Centre. 'You'll also find plumbers are more available as it's still before the winter season, when they are usually busy with emergency call-outs.'

Start your research now to help save money come the winter months



Fancy trying your hand at Italian cooking? Now's the time to do it – you can save up to 74% on pasta machines in September compared to other months of the year. Source: Price comparison site idealo.co.uk



YourHome Fab find

The thought of rising energy bills in the months ahead might be daunting, but switching to



a smart heating system could put your mind at ease and help you save up to 39% on energy usage. Wiser, by heating experts Drayton, is a smart multi-room heating system, which gives you control and visibility of the temperature in every room of your home, all via a handy smartphone app. Easy to install, kits start from £139.99 including a room thermostat, hub and app.

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September is all about planning ahead. Picking up end-of-season bargains, such as cool boxes – which can be up to 53% off at this time of year (idealo.co.uk) – will not only come in handy next summer, but you can use the money saved to splash out on something more luxurious right now. We can't think of anything better than snuggling up beneath this Icon Celine velvet weighted blanket, £69.95, Cuckooland.

