



# 4 Ways to Supplement Your Income

Everyone could use some extra cash. Here are four ways to boost your income.

## 1 Sell your stuff online

Don't let unwanted or unused items continue to clutter your home. Whether you use Ebay, Craigslist or another website, it's easy to sell gently used items online.

- Post several digital images of the items along with a detailed description.
- Look at similar items on the website on which you're selling your items to get an idea of where you should price yours.
- If you're meeting the buyer in person, be sure to meet in a public location and accept only cash or a cashier's check.

## 2 Turn a hobby or skill into a profitable side business

Are you a whiz at math or a foreign language, a master at turning a wrench or enjoy doing crafts? You may be able to find part-time or contract work doing what you have a flair for.

- Share your knowledge by tutoring children, teens or college students.
- If you have specialized knowledge of mechanics or home improvement, become the neighborhood handyman.
- If your home is full of crafts, consider selling them online or at craft fairs.
- If you're an expert in gardening, languages, sports or computers, consider teaching a class through your local community college or recreation center.

## 3 Provide a service

People are always looking for reliable folks to walk their dogs or watch their children. If you're great with children or pets, consider becoming a babysitter or dog walker. Both are good options for extra cash and you don't have to feel obligated to accept a job if you're busy.

## 4 Adjust your tax withholding

If you're getting a large tax refund at the end of the year then you're giving the government an interest-free loan. Instead, adjust how much money is withheld each pay period to boost your monthly income. While your tax return will be smaller, your paycheck will be bigger. Just be sure to deposit the money into your savings account where it can accumulate interest.

