# Navigating 2025 Peak Season

**Promotional Dates & Category Trends** 

Staying competitive requires more than just great products; it's about strategic timing. Whether it's planning for major sales events like Black Friday and Prime Day, launching new campaigns, or tapping into important trade shows, aligning with key dates can boost brand visibility and drive sales.

In this resource we provide a comprehensive overview of 2025, highlighting key dates your brand needs to prioritize to make the most out of the year ahead.

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# **2025 Promotional Deals**

J A N U A R Y	FEBRUARY	MARCH	A P R I L	MAY	JUNE
New Year, New You	Valentine's Day	Spring Sale	Tax Return	Memorial Day	DSV Rewards Week
Strategy Due Date:	Strategy Due Date: January 1st	Strategy Due Date: February 15th	Strategy Due Date: March 1st	Strategy Due Date: April 1st	Strategy Due Date: May 1st
December 1st	Starts: January 16th	Starts: March 16th	Starts: April 6th	Starts: May 16th	Starts: June 15th
Starts: January 1st	President's Day				
Winter Clearance	Strategy Due Date:			Mother's Day	Father's Day
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# **2025 Promotional Deals**

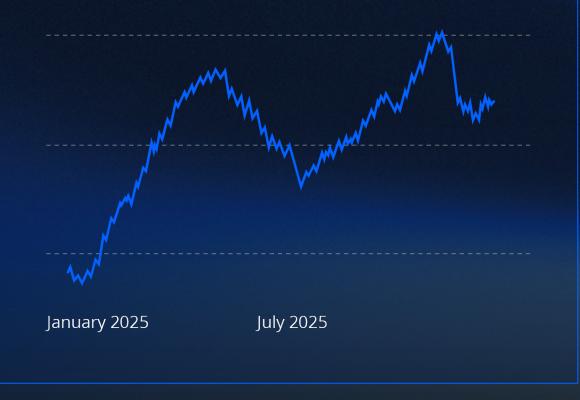


## Planning Inventory Assortment for Key Categories

Anticipating seasonal assortment demand is crucial for maintaining customer satisfaction and maximizing sales. During peak seasons, demand can surge unexpectedly. By forecasting these shifts, brands can reduce the risk of stockouts or overstocking.

Strategic planning helps businesses optimize their supply chain and manage inventory efficiently to ensure customers get the right products at the right time. This approach enhances the customer experience while positioning brands as a trusted choice for seasonal needs.

# Inventory Demand Forecasting





# Key Category Sales Trends





# Tools and Home Improvement

### Spring (March-May):

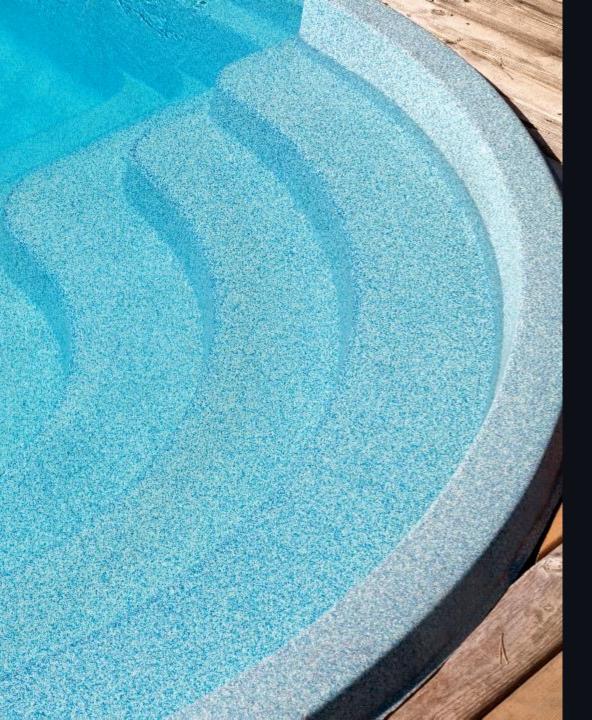
 Sales increase as homeowners focus on renovations, repairs, and DIY projects. This is driven by warmer weather and spring-cleaning initiatives.

### Fall (September-November):

 Another peak occurs as people prepare their homes for colder weather, focusing on insulation, heating, and weatherproofing tools.

### Holiday Season (November–December):

 Sales spike due to gift-giving trends, especially for high-ticket items like power tools and toolkits during Black Friday and Cyber Monday.



# **Pool and Spa**

### Spring and Early Summer (March–June):

 The highest demand occurs as customers prepare for pool season. Items like pool cleaners, maintenance equipment, and spas see strong sales.

### End of Summer (August):

 Discounts drive late-season purchases of pools, accessories, and chemicals.

### Winter (December–February):

 A smaller uptick is observed in hot tubs and indoor spa equipment, catering to customers looking for relaxation during colder months.



# Lawn, Garden, and Patio

## Spring (March-May):

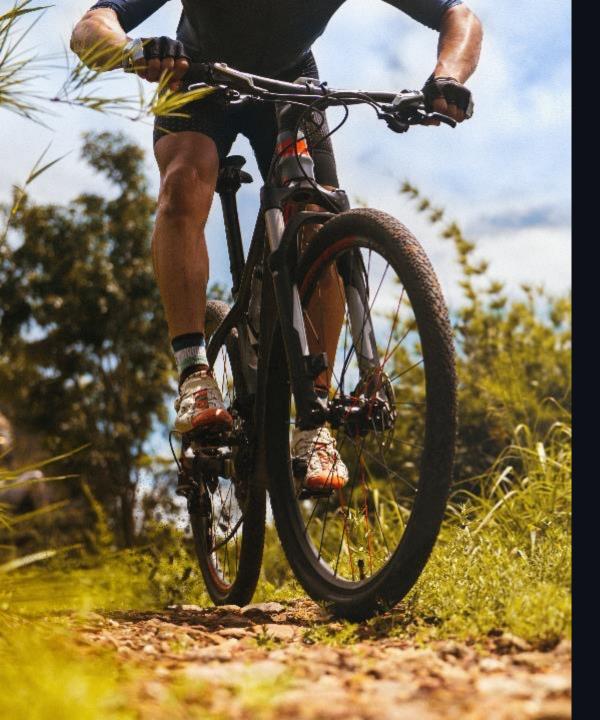
 This is the busiest season, with customers purchasing gardening tools, seeds, lawnmowers, patio furniture, and grills as they prepare for outdoor living.

### Summer (June–July):

 Demand remains strong for patio furniture, outdoor lighting, and grills as people entertain and spend more time outdoors.

### Fall (September-October):

 Leaf blowers, fall planting supplies, and outdoor covers for furniture and grills see a boost as customers transition to cooler months.



# **Sports and Outdoors**

### Spring (March-May):

- Sales increase with the start of outdoor sports seasons and activities like hiking, cycling, and fishing.

### Summer (June-August):

 Items like camping gear, kayaks, and outdoor sports equipment see peak demand as families engage in outdoor adventures.

## Holiday Season (November-December):

 Sales surge as sports gear, fitness equipment, and outdoor accessories become popular gift items during Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and Christmas.

## New Year (January):

Fitness equipment sales spike as customers set resolutions for health and wellness.

# Deal Types to Pair with Promotional Events



# **OTARGET** Deal Types

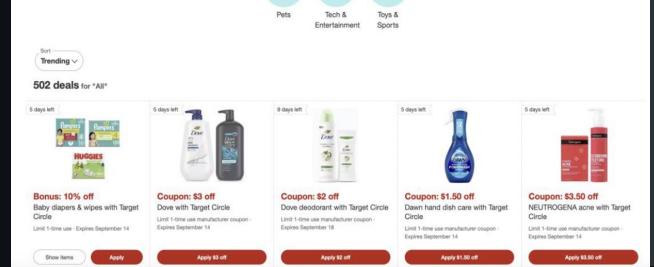




Limited-time discounts on popular products, updated regularly to offer significant savings. These deals attract high traffic from valueconscious shoppers seeking the best bargains.

## Deal of the Day (Circle Deals):

Exclusive discounts for Target Circle members, offering savings on every day and seasonal items. Featuring in Target Circle Deals boosts visibility, engagement, and sales among loyal, value-seeking customers.



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Target Deal Types	Best For?	Includes Badging?	Deal Brings Extra Traffic?	Allows unit caps?	Discount Requirement	Submission Timeline	Average Expected Lift
Deal of the Day	High seasonal relevance	YES	YES	YES	40% off MSRP	60 days	+277%
Category Top Deal	Anything	YES	YES	YES	20% off MSRP	14 days	+105%



# Walmart > Colored Types

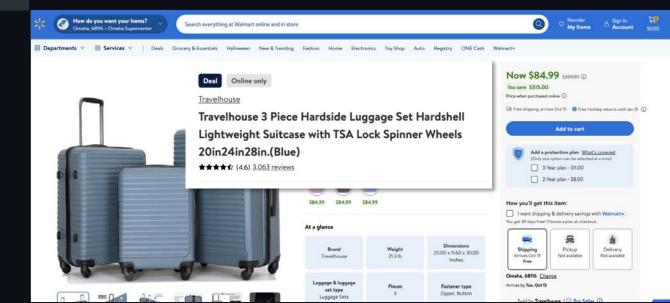




Curated promotional offers tailored to specific customer segments based on their shopping behaviors and preferences. These personalized deals help brands reach targeted audiences more effectively by showcasing their products to consumers most likely to be interested.

## Flash Deals:

Time-sensitive, limited-quantity promotions that offer deep discounts on popular products for a brief period. Flash Deals can significantly boost visibility and attract new customers while also helping brands clear inventory, increase sales volume, and enhance their overall presence.

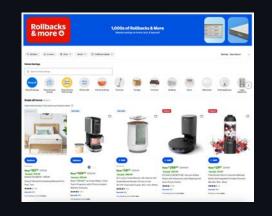


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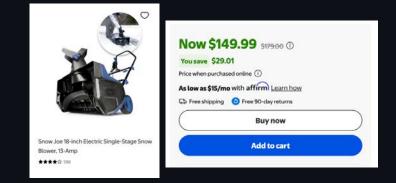


These discounts incentivize shoppers to try new products, increase purchase volume, and boost overall sales. Brands can use coupons strategically to promote specific products, clear excess inventory, and gain valuable insights into consumer behavior and preferences.



>> Weekly Deals:

Promotions and discounts offered by Walmart on a wide range of products, updated weekly to attract customers both in-store and online. These deals typically include savings across various categories such as groceries, electronics, home goods, apparel, toys, and more.



In-Cart Pricing:

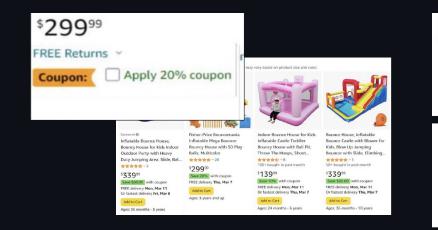
This is a feature where the price of certain items is only revealed after viewing the item listing or the item is added to your shopping cart. This pricing strategy is often used when brands want to offer special discounts without publicly advertising them.

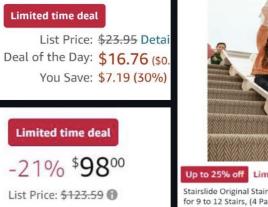


Walmart Deal Types Best For?		Includes Badging?	Deal Brings Extra Traffic?	Allows Unit Caps?	Discount Requirement	Submission Timeline	Average Expected GMV Lift
General Flash Deals	Top Sellers by category	YES	YES	No	10% off Best of Web Pricing	1 week prior	+1301
Mosaic	High Seasonal Relevance	YES	YES	No	20% off Best of Web pricing	90 days prior	+549%
Coupon	Duplicated Deals	YES	No	No	5% off	1 week prior	+129%
🔀 Weekly Deals	Duplicated Deals	YES	No	No	10% off	1 week prior	+141%
In-Cart Pricing	Duplicated Deals	YES	No	No	5% off	1 week prior	+92%



# amazon Deal Types



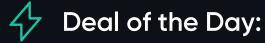






## Coupons:

A coupon offer is a self-service tool that can be leveraged at any time without approval. Customers can discover coupons through the coupons page, search results, and on PDP (Product Detail Page).



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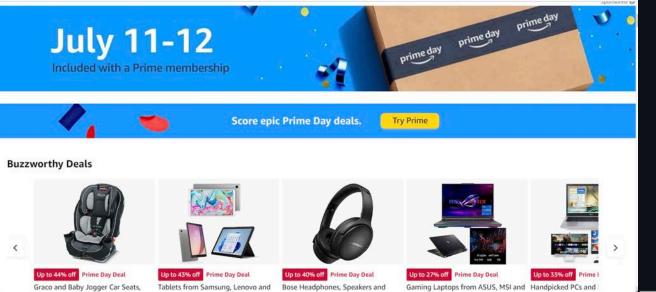
24 hour-long deals curated by Amazon through submissions from sellers for specific themed events. These deals are 1-click from the home page and can obtain a home page placement dependent on



Lightning Deals are a good fit for high-value products buyers have been eyeing and waiting to buy at a discount. These deals run from 4 to 24 hours, are self-service and are shown to sellers by algorithmic suggestions.



# amazon Deal Types cont'd





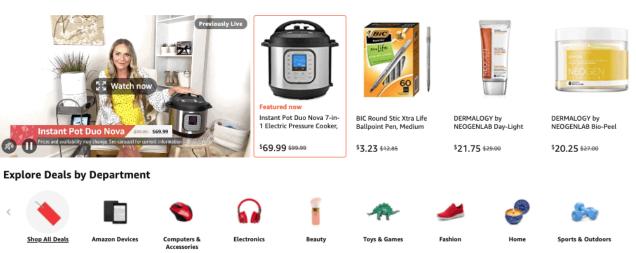
These deals are designed to provide additional value to Prime members, incentivizing subscriptions and rewarding loyalty. They cover a wide range of products and are often featured prominently during major sales events like Prime Day.

#### Today's Deals

New deals. Every day. Shop our Deal of the Day, Lightning Deals and more daily deals and limited-time sales. See deals you're watching here, or let the deals come to you by receiving our daily deals email.



A promotional offer that highlights products with significant discounts for a limited time. "Best Deal" promotions typically last longer than Lightning Deals but are still time-sensitive, running for a few days or until the allocated inventory is sold out.



Amazon Deal Types	Best For?	Includes Badging?	Deal brings extra traffic?	Allows Unit Caps?	Discount Requirement?	Submission Timeline?	Average Expected Lift
Deal of the Day	Top Sellers by category	Yes	Yes	Yes	20% off	30+ days prior	+2560%
🔅 Best Deal	Mid Traffic Mid Conversion	Yes	Yes	Yes	10%. Off daily 20% off during tier 1 events	2.5 weeks prior	+491%
Lightning Deal	ASP <\$100 or Discount >20%	Yes	Yes	Yes	15% daily 20% during tier 1 events	2.5 weeks prior	+197%
Prime Exclusive Discount	Most flexible placement	Yes	No	No	5% daily 10% during tier 1 events	72 hours prior	+198%
Coupons	High Traffic Low Conversion	No	No	No	5% daily 10% during tier 1 events	72 hours prior	+103%



# Drop Ship Vendor (DSV) Deal Types



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Add to cart



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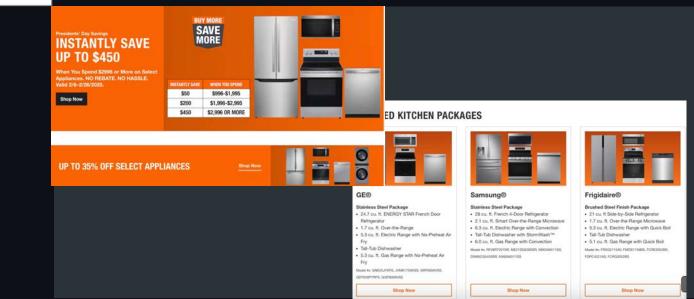
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These deals visually display the original price with a strikethrough and the discounted price prominently shown alongside.



Limited Time Buy (LTB) is a promotional deal type where products are offered at a discounted price or special terms for a short, predefined period. These deals create urgency and drive immediate purchases by emphasizing the time-sensitivity.



## Drop Ship Vendor (DSV) Deal Types cont'd

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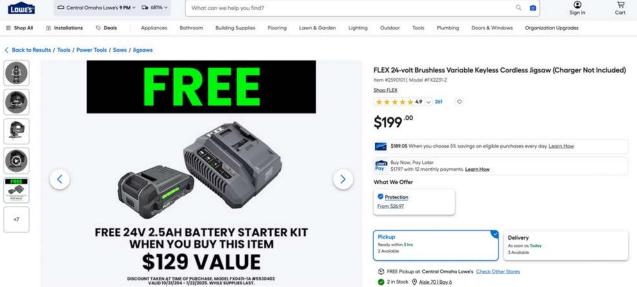
Where vendors feature select products at significant discounts for a single day. This type of deal is designed to drive a large volume of sales within a limited timeframe, benefiting both the vendor and the ecommerce platform.

Buy-One-Get-One (BOGO):

Promotions where customers receive an additional product for free or at a discount with their purchase.

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DSV Deal Types	Best For?	Includes Badging?	Deal Brings Extra Traffic?	Allows Unit Caps?	Discount Requirement	Submission Timeline	Average Expected Lift?
Deal of the Day	Top Sellers by category	YES	YES	No	20% off	90 days prior for tier 1 + 2 events	+122%
Limited Time Buy	High Seasonal Relevance	YES	YES	No	15% off	90 days prior for tier 1 + 2 events	+64%
Strikethrough	Duplicated Deals	No	No	No	10% off	1 week prior	+100%
Buy One Get One	High Traffic, Low Conversion	No	No	No	BOGO	1 week prior	No data to date



# 2025 Ecommerce Events and Tradeshows



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### JAN

#### CES (Consumer Electronics Show)

Location: Las Vegas, USA
 □ Dates: January 7–10, 2025

Primarily known for tech innovations, CES has a significant focus on ecommerce, retail technology, and consumer products.

#### MAR

DX3

Location: Toronto, Canada
 □ Dates: March 18–19, 2025

A prominent digital marketing and ecommerce event, focusing on the intersection of marketing, technology, and customer experience.

### JAN

#### NRF 2025: Retail's Big Show

- Location: Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York City, USA
- 🗇 Dates: January 11–14, 2025

Organized by the National Retail Federation, this event brings together retail professionals worldwide to discuss the latest trends and technologies shaping the retail industry.

### MAR

#### Shoptalk 2025

Location: Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, USA

 <sup>™</sup> Dates: March 25–27, 2025

Shoptalk is a leading event for retail and ecommerce innovation, featuring discussions on the future of shopping and networking opportunities with industry leaders.

#### **FEB**

#### E-commerce Berlin Expo

𝔅 Location: Berlin, Germany

Dates: February 5–6, 2025

One of the leading ecommerce events in Europe, covering digital marketing, technology, logistics, and trends.

### MAY

#### The Global Ecommerce Summit

- **Location:** Barcelona, Spain
- 🗂 **Dates:** *May* 25–27, 2025

A gathering of global ecommerce professionals focusing on international trade, cross-border ecommerce, and growth strategies.

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### JUN

The Internet Retailer Conference & Exhibition (IRCE)

▲ Location: Chicago, USA
 □ Dates: June 9–11, 2025

One of the largest gatherings for ecommerce professionals, covering strategies in ecommerce marketing, logistics, customer service, and technology.

### JUN

### RetailX

Location: Chicago, USA

□ Dates: June 10–12, 2025

A comprehensive event covering everything from ecommerce and retail technology to omnichannel retailing, with speakers from major retailers, startups, and solution providers.

#### SEP

### Amazon Accelerate

*≗* Location: USA (virtual and in-person)

□ **Dates:** September 16–18, 2025

Hosted by Amazon, this event provides insights and strategies for sellers on the Amazon platform, focusing on growth, tools, and updates specific to Amazon's ecosystem.

#### SEP

### **Ecommerce Expo**

Location: London, UK
 □ Dates: September 24–25, 2025

An annual event offering insights into ecommerce trends, marketing, and technology, featuring a wide range of exhibitors, speakers, and networking opportunities.

## Ready to Elevate Your Promotional Strategy?

With an understanding of industry trends and hands-on experience managing high-visibility events, Spreetail's team helps brands navigate the complexities of ecommerce promotion with precision. From crafting data-driven deal strategies to executing seamless marketplace campaigns, our experts ensure your brand stays ahead of the curve and drives measurable growth.

Trust Spreetail to handle the details, so you can focus on scaling your business and reaching new heights.

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