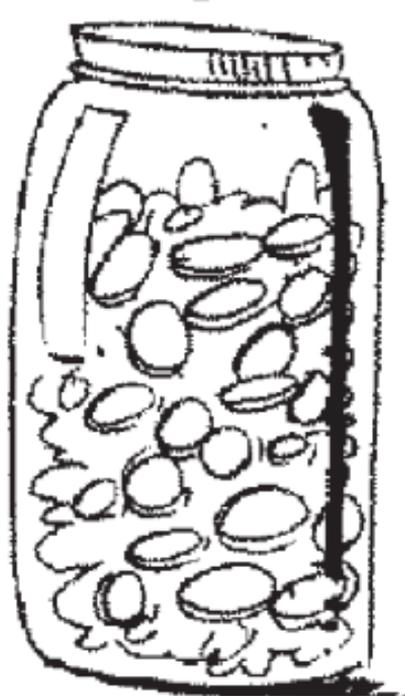


## New Year's Resolution #1— Start The Year With Money

(NAPSA)—Americans can start the New Year with more money in their pockets by digging out hidden treasure in household coin jars—which for some can be worth \$50 or more. This tidy sum can help put a dent in holiday bills, seed a new savings plan, start an investment strategy, or just take the family out to dinner to celebrate.



Source: Coinstar, Inc.

One gallon

**\$223.64**

Half Gallon

**\$111.82**

32 ounces

(mayonnaise jar)

**\$55.91**



Coinstar, which operates a network of more than 10,000 coin-counting machines in supermarkets nationwide, estimates that Americans have \$10.5 billion worth of change sitting idle in their homes. On average, that works out to \$30 to \$50 per American adult.

If stretching the family budget or saving for the future happens to be a New Year's resolution, the fastest way to meet those goals is to tap into that forgotten wealth by bringing the household coin jar on the next trip to the grocery store. Coinstar machines accept unsorted change and count it at a rate of 600 coins per minute. At the end of the transaction, Coinstar customers receive a printed voucher for the full amount of the transaction (less a service fee of 8.9 percent) that is redeemable for cash or store credit at the cash register or customer service desk.

To help those interested in figuring out how much "hidden wealth" they might have stashed away, Coinstar has created the above table to help estimate a jar's value based on its size and an average coin mix (33 percent silver, 67 percent pennies).

For a store location nearest you, call 1-800-928-CASH or visit [www.coinstar.com](http://www.coinstar.com).