



Costco Finds

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I recently made a trip to Costco for a few essential items like bathroom tissue and Kleenex and left with a few extraneous items I didn't know I needed. I'm one of those people that marketers love. If it's something new and on an end-cap I will usually give it a try. I think it's hereditary. My mother is always game to try a new product as well. She used to bring home all sorts of interesting items from the store. It wasn't always groceries either. When the QVC channel first came out we noticed after several months that the phone number for QVC was permanently embedded on my parent's big screen television. She had the station on all day long and the sun hit the television during the afternoon hours. My mom doesn't like to drive and internet shopping wasn't huge yet so it was like nirvana being able to shop from home all day. It got to a point where she just left it on for background noise.

The above photos are some of my recent Costco finds that I thought were worth sharing.

1. **Marinated Mixed Grilled Vegetables** – Since it's winter in the Midwest, we haven't been doing any grilling lately. I love to put these marinated vegetables on a sandwich with some cream cheese.
2. **Nature's Path Love Crunch** – I actually bought this a month ago that's why the bag is almost gone. It's an organic granola with dark chocolate and red berries. It's delicious and the chocolate chunks are a good size so I feel like I get my chocolate fix in. This is sold in grocery stores as well, but you get a lot more granola for the price at Costco.
3. **Coconut Oil** – Coconut oil is the rage right now. Supposedly this is the type you want to buy: pure, unrefined, 100 percent organic extra virgin and cold pressed. Coconut oil can be expensive, but this huge jar was only \$15.99. I'll be sharing some uses for coconut oil in a post next week.
4. **Eat Your Vegetables Chips** – This was an item I sampled at the store and found them surprisingly good. They are made with a unique blend of vegetables including sweet potatoes, carrots and navy beans. They are also gluten and wheat free. I don't have anything against gluten, but I know many have a gluten intolerance.

The **Smart Works pop-up organizer** was one of those impulse buys. I had been contemplating getting something like it just to keep in my car and for \$14.99 I thought it was a good deal. I had the cashier cut the tags off and put my newly purchased items in it so I wouldn't have to search for the perfect cardboard box. It could be used for just about anything though and I like the many compartments. Do you have any favorite Costco finds?

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