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## Price hikes to watch for in 2012

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TAMPA - Saving your pennies could be challenging in 2012, as prices are predicted to rise on many common goods and services. Here are some possible price hikes to watch for.

### GASOLINE:

Some analysts see regular unleaded selling for \$4 per gallon in the New Year. On the first trading day of 2012, crude oil rose past the \$100 mark. Continued uncertainty in the Middle East is sure to keep fuel prices volatile and high. Here's how prices compare, according to the daily AAA Fuel Gauge Report:

- January 2, 2011 national average: \$3.07/gallon -January 2, 2012 national average: \$3.27/gallon
- January 2, 2011 Tampa Bay Area average: \$3.04/gallon - January 2, 2012 Tampa Bay Area average: \$3.28/gallon

### SHIPPING

Driven by increases in fuel costs, FedEx, UPS, and the U.S. Postal Service have all announced price increases for

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2012.

- U.S. Mail: 2.1% price increase (capped by federal law)
- FedEx: 5.9% price increase
- UPS: 4.9% price increase

### FOOD

It didn't matter whether you ate out or at home in 2011, you paid more—as much as six percent more for your meal. That trend is likely to continue in 2012, according to The Food Institute.

"Price levels in 2012 will hinge significantly on several macroeconomic factors such as weather conditions, fuel prices, and the value of the U.S. dollar," the institute said in a statement.

Worldwide demand for food continues to grow. 2011 saw extreme pressure on staples such as wheat, milk, and corn. Interestingly, **The Food Institute** predicted that restaurant prices would increase less than grocery costs in the New Year.

### AIR TRAVEL

American Express, which offers travel agency services to companies worldwide, predicts a five to seven percent increase in airline fares. The cost of air travel has steadily risen as airlines have hiked fares and fees.

At the same time, ticket prices have been pushed higher by airlines that have reduced the numbers of available seats on less traveled routes.

- Coach Class Increase: 5%
- Business Class Increase: 7%

### CLOTHING

Cotton prices both spiked and relented in 2011. Fashion experts say the high price of raw materials might not have been

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reflected immediately in 2011. That means higher garment prices, thinner fabric, or both.

#### GOVERNMENT FEES

Election-minded politicians will boast no new taxes in 2012. But that doesn't mean they've pulled their hand from your pocket. Look for cash-strapped cities, counties, and states to either add or hike fees on everything from permits to **park admission** and drinking water to trash collection.

Governments that have already added fees might be on the lookout charge fees in unorthodox places, too. Beware!

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