

The ultimate Black Friday return policy cheat sheet

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We found the truth about Black Friday deals

Know your rights. Avoid restocking fees. Shop with confidence.

The number 1 mistake Black Friday shoppers make

We found that most shoppers don't read the return policy until after they buy. By then, it is too late.

Our findings disclosed following fact:

- Electronics have shorter return windows (14–30 days) compared to regular items
- Some Black Friday items are "final sale" i.e., no returns, no exchanges
- Many retailers charge restocking fees (10–15%) on electronics and appliances
- Some stores now charge return shipping fees if you are not a rewards member

This cheat sheet protects you in above condition. Read it before you buy. Take it with you in shopping.

5 questions to ask before every purchase

QUESTION 1: What is the return deadline?

Because: Some items have shorter windows (14 days for electronics).

Ask: "What is the last day I can return this?"

Write the date: _____

QUESTION 2: Is there a restocking fee?

Because: Restocking fees can be **10–15%** of the purchase price.

Ask: "Is there a restocking fee if I return this?"

Write the fee: _____%

QUESTION 3: Is this item "final sale"?

Because: Some Black Friday items cannot be returned or exchanged.

Ask: "Is this item final sale, or can I return it?"

Check: ☐ Returnable ☐ Final Sale

QUESTION 4: Do I get a refund or store credit?

Because: Some retailers offer **store credit only** for returns without a receipt.

Ask: "Will I get a full refund to my original payment method?"

Write: ☐ Full Refund ☐ Store Credit ☐ Exchange Only

QUESTION 5: Who pays for return shipping?

Because: Some retailers charge **\$9.99 or more** for return shipping.

Ask: "Do I have to pay for return shipping?"

Write: ☐ Free ☐ \$_____ fee

Major retailers = Return policy comparison

These are typical policies. So, always verify current policies on the retailer's website before buying.

Retailer	Typical return window	Restocking fee?	Special notes
Amazon	30 days (extended during holidays)	Rare	Check "Amazon Renewed" for different policy
Walmart	90 days (extended during holidays)	Rare	Electronics can have shorter windows
Target	90 days (extended during holidays)	Rare	Target-owned brands: 1-year return
Best Buy	15–60 days (elite members)	10–15% on electronics	Shorter deadline for electronics
Costco	90 days (electronics); unlimited (most items)	No	Electronics: 90-day limit
Macy's	90 days (extended during holidays)	No	Return shipping: \$9.99 for non-members
Kohl's	Extended during holidays	No	Free returns in-store
Home Depot	90 days (extended during holidays)	Varies	Check specific items

Buyer beware clues = When to Walk Away

If you see any of these, think twice before buying.

Scam signals	Why it is dangerous
Final Sale; No Returns	You are stuck with it. No exchanges, no refunds.
7-day return deadline	Almost impossible to test and return in time.
Store credit only	You are locked into that store; even if you don't want anything else.
Original packaging required	If you throw away the box, you can't return it.
Restocking fee: 15%+	On a \$500 item, that is \$75 just to return it.
Return shipping: \$15+	Adds to your cost if you need to return.
Electronics: 14 Days	Way shorter than the standard 30–90 days

Printable Cheat Sheet (Take to the Store)

Fold this page and put it in your wallet. Ask these questions for every purchase.

Black Friday return policy cheat sheet

5 questions to ask:

1. Return deadline? _____
2. Restocking fee? _____%
3. Final sale? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Refund or store credit? _____
5. Return shipping cost? \$_____

Scam signals = Walk away:

- ☐ Final Sale
- ☐ 7-Day Return Window
- ☐ Store Credit Only
- ☐ Original Packaging Required
- ☐ Restocking Fee 15%+
- ☐ Return Shipping \$15+

Quick contacts:

Retailer	Customer Service
Amazon	1-888-280-4331
Walmart	1-800-925-6278
Target	1-800-591-3869
Best Buy	1-888-237-8289
Costco	1-800-774-2678
Macy's	1-800-289-6229

You are now a return policy expert

You now know **exactly what to ask** before every Black Friday purchase. Hope, our guide help you to say loudly no more surprises, no more restocking fees & no more "final sale" regrets.

Share this cheat sheet with a friend, colleague & neighbor; because everyone deserves to shop with confidence.

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