



TIPPING AS A HOLIDAY THANK YOU!

The holidays are a wonderful time to remember and say thank you to those individuals who take care of us and/or our children in a myriad of ways throughout the year. As you think about whom you should include on your annual list, though, there are a few things to remember.

Most importantly, tipping is not meant to break your budget. If you are running short on cash, think of other ways to say thank you, from a heartfelt note to homemade goodies. The important thing is to acknowledge your appreciation for what each person does for you.

When deciding what or how much to give, think about:

- ❖ How often you use the service
- ❖ How well you know the person
- ❖ How long you have had a relationship with the person
- ❖ Is it a moderate or expensive type of establishment
- ❖ What type of gift is appropriate or allowed
- ❖ Larger tips are common in larger metropolitan areas

Here are some suggestions for a few of the people who might be on your list:

- Babysitter:** One evening's pay (if she is a sitter you use regularly.)
- Nanny:** One week's to one month's pay depending upon how long the person has worked for you.
- Daycare:** \$20-\$50 each depending upon the number of caregivers.
- Teacher:** \$25-\$50 giftcard.
In addition to cash or a giftcard for someone who takes care of or teaches your children, a handmade gift and note from the child is always a nice gesture.
- Housekeeper:** One week's pay and a small gift, maybe more if the person has been with you a long time.
- Personal Trainer:** Cost of one session.
- Hair Stylist:** Two times your regular tip.
- Apt. Building Staff:** \$20-\$100 depending upon how many and how often you use their services.
- Mail Carrier:** Rules prohibit them from accepting cash and any gift must be under \$20 in value.
- Newspaper Deliverer:** \$10 to \$30 depending upon frequency of delivery.
- Trash Collector:** \$10-\$20 each

Be sure to include a two or three line note with whatever you decide to give.

