



**1** SHOPPING  
DAY LEFT

## WHAT TO BUY LAST MINUTE GIFTS



**O**K, so you procrastinated. You said you wouldn't do this again, but here we are on Christmas Eve, and you're not done shopping. For shame. Let's not panic, though. You're going to make it. Here are 10 ideas to help you beat the buzzer.

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### ▲ Toledo Zoo memberships

**\$48/\$77.** You don't even have to leave the house for an awesome Toledo gift. Our phenomenal zoo offers single memberships to Lucas County residents for **\$48**, and family memberships for **\$77**. Well worth the money for people who like the zoo, which is everyone.

### ▲ Libbey beverageware sets

**\$9.99-\$24.99.** For the entertainer, the new homeowner, or the wannabe Don Draper, Libbey has affordable glassware sets that would make a practical gift. Libbey has a location in the **Warehouse District**, and seasonal stores at **Levi's Commons** and **Franklin Park Mall**, so this can be a quick, painless stop.



### ▲ Roku streaming player

**\$49.99.** They turn any television — even your early 90's TVs that weigh a ton — into a smart TV. With wireless Internet, they connect to Netflix, Hulu, MLB.tv, and Amazon Instant Video, among other services. It's an easy introduction to the 21st century for the technologically challenged. **Best Buy.**

### Touch-screen gloves

**\$12.99.** A practical gift for our lovely winters. The gloves allow someone to type on a touch-screen phone while staying warm, you can fit them in a stocking, and they're less than **\$15** with many brands. At **Macy's**, **Elder-Beerman**, **J.C. Penney**.



### ▲ Ohio Lottery scratch-off tickets

**\$1, \$2, \$3, \$5.** A quick stocking stuffer you can pick up from places you have to go anyway, such as grocery stores and gas stations. They always add fun to Christmas morning, especially if someone cashes in.

### ▲ Toledo Walleye Winterfest tickets

**Various prices.** You can print them at home and they'll definitely score points. With plenty of hockey games, a Brewfest, a New Year's Eve party, and many chances to skate on the ice, a trip to the outdoor rink at **Fifth Third Field** would be a memorable gift.



### ▲ Cedar Point season pass

**\$120.** Cedar Point is one of the best things about northern Ohio. A season pass pays for your recipient's trips to the theme park until November, which easily is worth the money for people who go more than three times per summer.



### ▲ Build your own 6-pack

**\$9.99.** From Belgians, Porters, IPAs, Stouts, and everything in between, here's the gift to satisfy those taste buds. At area **Krogers**. Cheers!



### ▲ The Andersons gift cards

**\$25.** Everyone can find something they need at **The Andersons**, and this makes for an easy stocking stuffer. Whether somebody needs drill bits, potting soil, or two dozen lemons, The Andersons has it — with the added bonus of keeping your money local.



### ▲ Cookie jars

**less than \$30.** In a Mason jar, layer all the dry ingredients to your favorite cookie recipe, and tape or tie the remaining instructions to the side. A 12-pack of Mason Jars makes 12 easy gifts. It will not look last-minute, and who doesn't like cookies? At area **Meijers** and **Walmarts**.

Prices and availability subject to change.



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Christmas and New Years*

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December 27 (Saturday): 10am-9pm  
December 28th (Sunday): 10am-9pm  
December 29th (Monday): 10am-9pm  
December 30th (Tuesday): 10am-9pm  
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