

How to Make your SodaStream More Cost Efficient

Intro

The SodaStream machine is fantastic and certainly saves a lot of plastic bottles from the recycling heap, but if you're drinking soda instead of sparkling water and using the SodaStream syrup mixes, you're not saving much per litre of pop you drink. For the SodaStream machine to be truly cost effective, you need to be drinking a lot of soda or love sparkling water.

You can change that and make your SodaStream machine more cost effective by making a number of changes in how you use the machine. Even better, people are finding new ways to make their SodaStream machine more cost effective all the time.

Start by Changing the Syrup

SodaStream syrups certainly aren't ridiculously expensive, but there are cheaper--and tastier--options out there. Many options, such as powdered drink mixes, have limited flavour options but you certainly don't have to go without a great soda taste to enjoy extremely cost effective soda.

One great option is to purchase Snow Cone syrup. These syrups come in many different flavours, including fruit flavours and commercial pop flavours. You'll have to do some poking around to find the best retailer near you but they're not too hard to find.

To make Snow Cone syrup a cheaper option you'll need to buy it in bulk, but you can keep the stuff for quite some time so that's not much of a problem. You'll also need to learn how to dilute the syrup to make a drink with the ideal flavour. You can find the exact details about halfway down this(<http://www.rodsbooks.com/sodas/>) page.

Of course, you can also make your own syrup. For some pops this is pretty cost effective but in general it's not the cheapest way to go unless you're purchasing all your ingredients in bulk. Most of these recipes call for natural ingredients that don't last too long, so unless you drink a lot of soda and have guests pretty frequently, you won't want to be buying ingredients in bulk.

Adapt your Carbonation Strategy

One drawback of the SodaStream machine is that it's made to work with a very specific CO2 canister. These canisters are designed by SodaStream and in order to get a new one you have to order it from their headquarters in Israel. You can also recycle your old CO2 canister by sending it in, but that's a long way for these canisters to travel and they're pretty expensive.

Depending on the SodaStream machine you might have a slightly larger canister, but either way if you drink a lot of soda you have to recycle these canisters pretty frequently.

One of the easiest ways to get around this problem is by purchasing a special adapter(<http://www.criticalpaintball.com/SodaMod-SodaStream-Soda-Club-CO2-Adapter-Save-Mo-p/sodastream-sodamod.htm>) which will allow you to hook a CO2 tank used for paintballing up to your SodaStream instead. The tank isn't much bigger than your regular SodaStream tank and should still fit inside your SodaStream machine.

How switching to paintball tanks really helps you out is that it only costs a few dollars to refill your tank every time it runs out. This dramatically reduces the cost of using your SodaStream so you can have more fun with it.

Even better, you can find a place to fill up a paintball tank in most towns. It might take a little bit of looking around, but you're sure to find a place nearby. This allows you to further reduce your impact on the environment. After all, the less distance your CO2 travels, the less damage you're doing to our environment.

Conclusion

A SodaStream is a great investment if you want to have some fun, try new soda flavours, avoid using so much plastic and save money all at once. Every day people are coming up with new SodaStream recipes and experimenting with their SodaStream machines.

With these alterations, your SodaStream will save you and your family a lot of money for years to come. It doesn't get much better than that.