Many people are rethinking their vacation plans this summer. If you’ve decided to opt out of a resort stay or road trip, these tips may help make the most of your down time:

- **Splurge.** If you can’t spend the cash you set aside for travel, spend it on a “wish list” item. Treat yourself to that new computer, gaming system, or long-delayed house project. Make sure you stay within your vacation budget.

- **Set goals.** The COVID-19 pandemic has upended a lot of plans, but it has also created new opportunities. A staycation will give you time to think about what challenges you might want to take on in the future. It’s also a good opportunity to rethink your current goals and consider if they still meet your needs.

- **Budget for next year.** Having a low-cost vacation this year means that you will have more money to put toward next year’s travel plans. This may be an opportunity to plan a “bucket list” trip for 2021 or 2022.

For more ideas on how to make a solo or family staycation a positive experience, call LifeMatters 24/7/365.

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