

REFRESH YOUR JOB SEARCH



Summary: No matter if you have been searching for a job for a long time or just starting the search, a recharge can often be the boost you need to find that great job.

The fall can be one the best times to find a job as retail stores are gearing up for holiday shopping and other companies are preparing for greater consumer spending. Summer is over and people are turning their mindset towards buckling down at work. Finding a job during this time is often the best time because this. Here are five things that can help you [rev up your search](#).

1. Prepare

When looking for a job, you don't have to be unemployed. Start now, before you even think you want to find a new job. Keep track of people that have jobs that perk your interest or companies that really stand out to you as being a great place to work.

2. Make a personal board

Enlist your family and friends to be your board of advisors. Seek valuable feedback and use them as a sounding board to gain as objective advice as possible.

3. Perfect your materials

Check up on your resume, cover letter, [LinkedIn profile](#), and other marketable materials to make sure they are up-to-date and ready for when you do apply for a job.

4. Spread the word

Let everyone that can help you know you are looking for a job and what your qualifications are. Reach out to those in your network and ask for informational interviews so you can learn more. Ask for introductions to other contacts. This process can take longer than just straight applying for jobs but it will help you grow professionally.

5. Stick to a plan

Make a set of goals and deadlines that you want to take until you get a new job. These can be revising your resume, having a certain amount of informational interviews, or attending events. Having goals and deadlines will make you be accountable to yourself and your plan.

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