

Generations

More tech gadgets for holiday shopping

In a past column, with information compiled from www.stateofgadgets.com, I told you about some new products that were flying off the shelves and might prove difficult to get this holiday season.

FIXD, a device that helps you diagnose a car problem (Amazon, \$60); Photo-stick, which downloads your valuable photos and videos (think 60,000) into one small gadget (Amazon, \$70); and KeySmart (website order, \$19.99 and discounts if you purchase more), which organizes your keys and fobs into one gadget as slim as a pocketknife, were three hot items.

However, I found a few more that deserve mention for those difficult-to-buy for friends and relatives (or perhaps treat yourself to one of these, too).

EcoGreen Charcoal Bags are the newest home handy helper to keep it smelling fresh for two years at a clip. Available from www.breathegreeneco.com, the activated bamboo charcoal neutralizes even stubborn smells, such as those caused by smoke, pet urine, cat litter boxes, wet dogs, gym shoes, a garbage can in the kitchen, piles of dirty laundry, last night's spicy garlic dinner, and more. The Breathe Green Charcoal Bag also is excellent for use in damp, musty environments, where it will absorb excess moisture to prevent mold, mildew and bacteria from forming. And unlike harsh chemical deodorizers and sprays, the Breathe Green Charcoal Bag is a chemical-free, fragrance-free and non-toxic natural odor absorber that keeps you and your pets safe.

Best of all, it's easy to use. Simply place the bag on any surface and it will start purifying the air around it for up to 90 square feet, and its life per bag is two years — yes, two years versus 10 minutes for room sprays. The magic of activated charcoal continues to give scientists avenues to discover new ways to use its already-proven purifying power. Imagine never having to spray a bottle again. You can check the product out at www.breathegreeneco.com, order from the site or order from Amazon.

The newest tech product that will be welcome to savvy families begging for Wi-Fi in every nook and cranny of the house should check out Super Boost. Available from www.superboost.com, think of the luxury of no more Wi-Fi dead spots. With super-strong, five-bar, lightning-fast internet all over your house and even in your backyard and basement, this product ends the battle of too many users and not enough

Wi-Fi capability. There were a couple of similar products with different brands



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on Amazon, so check out the website first to make a decision on purchasing.

The last thing you want to think about is a car crash at holiday time, or any time, but they happen, and CrashSafe is a product you might want to purchase for yourself before the holiday shopping rush,

when drivers are thinking about everything but the road. Check everything out at www.getcrashsafe.com for what it can do in an emergency crash.

It plugs into your cigarette lighter, and it's an emergency tool you don't want to be without. There's a patented, small metal pin hidden in the tip of the cigarette lighter plug that can easily smash through a car window with one strike for submerged cars if you are faced with the fear that you can't get out (think local flooding almost all year round and not just if a hurricane hits).

It's also equipped with a seat-belt cutter sharp enough to easily slice through belts yet designed to be safe enough to avoid accidentally cutting anyone.

Keep CrashSafe plugged into your car's cigarette lighter outlet (12-volt power port) and use the USB charging port to quickly power your mobile phone or other devices for emergency calls to 911, or you can remove CrashSafe from your lighter outlet and use it as a portable charger. The 2200 mAh lithium battery stores enough power to give a phone a complete charge in stranded situations.

Need a flashlight on a dark road? CrashSafe's LED flashlight lasts four hours and can help you in nighttime emergencies such as when you need to change a tire or walk to safety.

For added safety, CrashSafe has an emergency beacon, which is a high-powered flashing red light to ensure that oncoming traffic doesn't strike your vehicle. It lasts for 10 hours.

Even if you never have to use it, and I pray you don't, it's reassuring this gadget will travel with you and your loved ones.

For this product, I recommend purchasing it via the website so you know it's the exact same product — about \$49, but the more you buy, the better the deal.

Yes, I'm ordering a bunch of this amazing stocking stuffer for my loved ones.

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