The simplest way to track November disc deals is to keep one short, bookmarked deal list, add a target price for each release, and check that list every few days—not every retailer's website every day. When a price drops, compare retailers before buying, including shipping, tax, currency conversion and the price you could already get from Amazon.



That routine matters more now that physical media costs are rising and bargain bins are fading. A new boutique 4K release can list for about $45, and a flashy "sale" price may not be a bargain once delivery is included. November does bring predictable opportunities, though: retailer holiday sale pages, label promotions, the Criterion sale at Barnes & Noble, and the wider Black Friday season. You can follow them without turning the month into a browser-tab marathon.

Start with a Wish List and a Real Target Price

Before November begins, write down the movies you actually want. Give each one a target price: the amount you would be happy to pay before shipping and tax. A wish list with target prices turns vague browsing into a simple decision. Instead of asking, "Is this on sale?", you ask, "Is this at or below my number?"

Set targets using recent prices, not the crossed-out list price on a product page. Check Amazon's everyday pricing and, where possible, the item's price history. If a title normally sells for $32 and is advertised at $30, that may be a small reduction—not the must-buy event the sale badge suggests. The same applies to a boutique release listed at about $45: a discount is meaningful only if the final price is competitive with what you would otherwise pay.

- **Title and edition:** Record the exact film, format, and edition. A standard 4K and a limited edition with a book or extras are not interchangeable.
- **Target price:** Note the price you are willing to pay, ideally before tax and shipping.
- **Usual price:** Add the regular price you see at Amazon or another retailer.
- **Where to check:** List the retailer or label store that carries the edition you want.
- **Shipping rule:** Decide whether you will buy one title alone or wait to combine items in an order.

A note-taking app, spreadsheet, or bookmarked page is enough. The tool matters less than having one place to look. For a simple approach, bookmark deal list pages and keep your own wish list beside them. If you use moviesonsale.net tracking as part of your routine, treat it as a discovery aid, then verify the live price and delivery terms at the retailer before ordering.

Use November's Sale Calendar as a Schedule, Not a Promise

Disc sales tend to follow recurring patterns, but the exact dates, discounts, exclusions and stock change each year. That makes a calendar useful for deciding when to check—not a guarantee that every title will be discounted. In November, the main windows are retailer holiday promotions, label-run campaigns and Black Friday season, which can stretch well beyond Black Friday itself.

November window What to watch How to use it Early November Retailer holiday sale pages and early promotions Check your wish list for genuine price drops; save the page if it is useful. Mid-November Label promotions and the Barnes & Noble Criterion sale, when announced Check eligibility, stock and shipping before building an order. Black Friday week and the days around it Retailer-wide offers, category discounts and follow-up price changes Compare final totals; do not assume the first advertised price is the best one. After Black Friday Cyber Monday promotions, extended offers and stock clearance Recheck titles still on your list, but avoid buying just because a sale is ending.

The Criterion sale at Barnes & Noble is a major annual tentpole for collectors. Barnes & Noble has typically held a 50% off Criterion promotion around July and November, but timing, exclusions and participating titles can vary. Check the current sale terms rather than assuming every Criterion release qualifies or that the promotion begins on a particular date. If a film is on your list, note its usual price and the sale price, then calculate the delivered total.

Black Friday season is another tentpole, but it is not a single reliable moment when every disc reaches its lowest price. Retailers may start early, extend a deal, change availability or offer different prices across editions. Make a few scheduled checks during the month and you are less likely to miss a worthwhile offer without refreshing a page every morning.

Retail Holiday Sale Pages and Label Promotions Are Different

Retailer holiday sale pages are convenient because they gather many titles in one place. They may include studio releases, catalogue titles and boutique editions from several labels. That breadth is useful for comparing prices, but a large sale page can also make modest reductions look more exciting than they are. Search for the exact edition on your list and compare its price against the ordinary Amazon price and other retailers.

Label promotions work differently. A boutique label's own store may have a promotion focused on its catalogue, particular box sets or selected editions. This can be the best place to find a label-specific title, but shipping can change the calculation quickly—especially for a one-item order. A discount that looks substantial on the product page may be less attractive after postage, taxes, duties or currency conversion.

Retailers such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble can be useful comparison points, while label stores may offer editions or bundles that are not available elsewhere. The Action Elite can also be a natural place to keep an eye on physical-media news and releases. Whatever source alerts you to a deal, confirm the current listing, terms and stock with the seller itself.



Compare the Delivered Price, Not Just the Sticker Price

Before checking out, compare retailers before buying. Put the same edition in your comparison, then include all costs. For Canadian buyers ordering from a US or UK shop, pay particular attention to shipping, exchange rates and any import charges that may apply. A low US-dollar price can become an ordinary Canadian price by the time it reaches your door.

Cost to compare Question to ask Item price Is this a real reduction from the retailer's typical price? Shipping Does one disc carry a high delivery charge? Can you combine it with another wanted title? Currency conversion What will the price be in Canadian dollars at your payment provider's rate? Tax and possible import costs Are taxes collected at checkout, or might additional charges be due later? Availability and returns Is the item actually in stock, and what happens if it arrives damaged?

Do not order an unwanted release just to reach free shipping unless the added title is already on your list and still represents good value. That is how "saving on postage" quietly becomes spending more.

A Low-Effort Routine: Check Every Few Days

You do not need to monitor every shop constantly. Set a light schedule and give each check a purpose. Once your bookmarks and wish list are ready, checking every few days is usually enough to catch the main November changes while keeping the process manageable.

1. **Before November:** Build the list, record target prices, and bookmark retailer holiday pages, relevant label stores and useful deal pages.
2. **Early in the month:** Look for announced promotions and establish current prices. Keep a note when an item is already near your target.
3. **Every few days:** Review only your bookmarked deal list and the retailers that carry titles on your wish list. Update prices rather than browsing the entire catalogue.
4. **During a tentpole sale:** Check the Criterion offer at Barnes & Noble, label promotions and Black Friday listings. Verify eligible titles and compare delivered totals.
5. **Before checkout:** Compare retailers before buying, check Amazon's everyday price, and confirm shipping, currency and stock.

6. **After purchase:** Remove the title from your active list. If the price is above target, leave it there and wait for another opportunity.

If a store offers email alerts or wish-list notifications, use them selectively for titles you genuinely want. A flood of generic sale emails can create more checking, not less. Keep notifications focused, and let your target price—not urgency language—make the decision.

How to Tell a Bargain from a Sale Badge

Physical media costs have climbed, while the old habit of finding deep discounts in a bargain bin is less dependable than it used to be. That makes comparison more important. A limited or boutique edition may be worth its higher price to you, but scarcity and a prominent discount label are not proof of value. Ask whether you want the edition, whether the price is below its normal level, and whether another retailer can deliver it for less.

- **Check the same edition:** Compare like with like, including disc format and packaging.
- **Ignore the suggested retail price on its own:** Use recent selling prices and Amazon's everyday price as reference points.
- **Calculate the total:** Add shipping and likely cross-border costs before calling it a deal.
- **Respect your target:** If the offer is not good enough, keep it on the list.

November rewards preparation more than frantic browsing. A wish list with target prices, a bookmarkable deal list and a few checks each week are enough for most collectors. Track the predictable **theactionelite** windows—the Criterion sale at Barnes & Noble, retailer holiday sale pages, label promotions and Black Friday season—then compare the final cost with Amazon and other sellers. That way, you spend less time checking every store and more time buying the discs you actually want at prices you planned to pay.