

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in  
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

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## REMOVING DOLLAR SIGNS FROM NUMERICAL VALUES - Oct 26th, 2012

The easiest way to remove dollar signs from your data is not to allow them in the first place. But if you have to include them, Greg Thomas, a developer at Interactive Tools offered this advice.

If you want to strip the dollar sign and comma from a number you could use these functions together:

```
$value = preg_replace('/[\$,]/', '', $value);  
$value = floatval($value);
```

The preg\_replace function will strip out the dollar sign and any commas. The floatval function will convert the number from a string to a floating value, ensuring it will behave like a number if you want to use it for addition, multiplication, etc.

To convert the number back to a currency format I would use this:

```
echo '$ '.number_format($number, 2, ',', ',');
```

The number\_format function will take a number and convert it into string format it. In this case it makes the number have two decimal places and adds a comma for every 3 digits.

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