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[Home Budgeting to Big Savings](#)

Budgeting at home is a serious topic. The reason for having a budget is not to cause problems, but to rather to help you see where your hard-earned money is going, and where you can cut corners without having to feel cheated, restrained and uncomfortable about it.

One of the very first things you can start doing is to have a habit of writing down every penny you are spending daily. A small notebook is not large enough to be uncomfortable bringing around in your bag everyday. This notebook can even be carried in your wallet or purse. Start writing down every little detail of expenditure on a daily basis. Do not forget to include the coffee you stop for every morning before getting to work, or that soda you have in the afternoon after getting off from the office. If you can keep track of every cent and every dollar you spend, you will be well on your way to keep track of your larger bills at home.

After at least several days, begin your home budgeting in a more detailed way. Begin by listing all your expenses in groups. your groups can be work-related, shopping, utility bills, insurance, car maintenance, meals, or any groupings that actually make sense to you.

After you have listed your expenses in a month, and having been able to group them, get the total of it all. Hopefully, it is less than your income in that particular month. Do not forget to double check your work by looking at it again. Make sure that you have not forgotten anything that you do not usually have on your monthly basis. Examples of these would be clothes and tax payments.

You can leave your budget for an hour or so and come back to your checking, this way you can see things that you may have missed for the first time.

A budget should not solely be concentrated on expenditures alone. In your home budgeting, include your income as well. Income means the regular pay you receive from the office plus the side work you do that gets you paid as well. Anything that brings money into your doorstep on a somewhat regular basis.

If you find yourself confused by what you've read to this point, don't despair. Everything should be crystal clear by the time you finish.

Now you may begin comparing the income and the expenses. If the expenditures you make are larger than your income, you are going to have a look at cutting back on your spending. This means that your home budgeting should be made to work and its results should be seen in the following month.

The easiest place to begin cutting corners are on the discretionary expenses. These would include grocery bill, or the indoor and outdoor entertainment. Your fixed expenses such as rent, car insurance, mortgage and utility bills can be lessened a little, but for the most part it will stay the same. However, do not forget that a little of everything goes a long way, so try to lessen on these expenses as much as you can.

Small savings will add up. If you can bring lunch from home, your savings will be about \$5.00 a week. You can add it to only getting only one soda from the vending machine once a day instead of two, the total savings for the week will increase as well. Multiplied to four weeks in a month, the total can already be big enough to pay a small utility bills at home.

Home budgeting does not mean depriving yourself of the things that you enjoy, but cutting back a little will greatly help. Using coupons in grocery stores and buying items on sale will help cut a good portion of your grocery and shopping budget. The savings you get from doing these and other wise spending habits can add up to a fall-back plan should anything bad happens in the future.

Home budgeting includes saving for about two to three months worth of expenses. This is for emergency reasons like you unfortunately lose a job or one of the family members become ill. This fall back plan of your home budgeting becomes your life saver.

Make your home budgeting work for you, and not the other way around. Everyone's spending habits are different. This means that your utility bills may be larger or smaller than your neighbors. But as long as you are living within

your means, you are doing quite fine.

Remember that this home budgeting you are doing is for you.

When word gets around about your command of Budgeting facts, others who need to know about Budgeting will start to actively seek you out.

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