



BUDGETING FOR *Your First Home*

Step One

Assess your Finances

Calculate your income, list all your debt and account for all your living expenses.

Step Two

How much can you afford?

Housing costs (mortgage, taxes, insurance, HOA) should be under 30% of your gross income.

Step Three

Save for a Down Payment

Typical Down Payment:
Lenders usually require 3-3.5% of the home's price.

Step Four

Plan for Closing Costs

Budget for closing costs, typically 2-5% of the home's price, in addition to the down payment.

Step Five

Moving and Other Expenses

Budget for moving costs, potential repairs, renovations, and utility setup deposits.

Step Six

Build an Emergency Fund

It's recommended to save 3-6 months of living expenses in an easily accessible account.

Step Seven

Review the budget annually

Review homeowner insurance and property taxes annually, as homeownership costs can change.

Final Tips

Plan ahead with these tips to enjoy homeownership without financial stress. Happy home buying!