



6 Ways To Save Thousands On Your Mortgage



These strategies will help you save money before you obtain or re-finance a mortgage:

Clean up your credit score.

- ▶ Use 1 major credit card and pay off monthly.
- ▶ Pay down balances on all credit cards.
- ▶ Ask creditors to remove negative comments from your credit report.

Bargain to get lowest interest rate and fees possible.

- ▶ Avoid loans with early pay-off penalties.
- ▶ Avoid including closing costs in mortgage.

Select mortgage term that's right for you.

- ▶ Consider your total incoming flow of money.
- ▶ Take into account your total monthly bills.

After you have your mortgage, to increase your savings:

Pay at least 1 extra payment yearly.

- ▶ Apply extra payments to your loan's principal.
- ▶ Use savings, extra income, or tax returns to make an extra payment.

Consider setting up bi-weekly payments.

- ▶ You'd pay about 1/2 of your monthly payment every other week.

Consider refinancing to a shorter term mortgage than 30 years.

- ▶ A 10, 15, or 20 year mortgage has bigger payments but the interest savings are immense.