

FAMILY BUDGETING & FINANCES

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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

- Mint by Intuit <https://www.mint.com/>
 - Create monthly budgets
 - Create saving buckets (emergency funds, vacations, new roof, etc.)
 - Bank accounts, credit cards, bills, retirement accounts, loans

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- Prism <https://www.prismmoney.com/>
 - Pay bills (credit cards, loans, utility bills)
 - View balances/available limits
 - Receive alerts on due dates

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- CreditStacker by the Wealth Factory <https://youtu.be/ZrGUO03ZtDo>
 - Teaches students/kids how to manage various types of credit
 - App based
 - Easy to use and understand

THE FINANCIAL FREEDOM BUDGET

Pay yourself first

- You set aside a specific amount each month for savings (short term and long term)
- Automate your bills
- Percentage set aside for all expenses – save the rest
- Pay down debt

- Recommended apps
 - Mint
 - Prism

THE DEBT FREE BUDGET

Not living check-to-check

- Everything is not tracked
- Identify the 2 or 3 areas where you normally spend and monitor those (eating out, shopping, etc.)
- Set a budget on your problem areas
- Reduce the problem areas each month
- Envelope system is very useful with this method

- Recommended apps
 - Mint
 - Excel or Google Sheets

THE SURVIVAL BUDGET

Last resort

- Budget what you need to survive month to month
- Savings and debt are secondary
- Bare-bones
- Just enough to “survive”

THE PLANNING/RETIREMENT BUDGET

Where's the beach??

- Categorize your fixed expenses or monthly bills
- Monitor your discretionary spending
 - Eating out
 - Shopping
 - Travel
- Reduce your expenses where possible and save the rest
- Contribute as much as possible to retirement plans

- Recommended apps
 - Mint
 - Excel or Google Sheets

DAVE'S ENVELOPES

How does it work?? <https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/envelope-system-explained>

So, What Is the Envelope System?

With the envelope system (or what I sometimes call [the clip system](#)) you use cash for different categories of your budget, and you keep that cash tucked away in envelopes. You can see exactly how much money you have left in a budget category just by taking a quick peek in your envelope. How easy is that?

It's a good idea to use the envelope system for items that tend to bust your budget. Think of things like groceries, restaurants, entertainment, gas and clothing.

No cheating!! When the envelope is empty, it's empty.

MONTHLY FAMILY BUDGET

	Total Projected Cost	Total Actual Cost	Total Difference
	\$1,203	\$1,317	(\$114)
Housing	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Mortgage or rent	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Second mortgage or rent	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phone	\$62	\$100	(\$38)
Electricity	\$44	\$125	(\$81)
Gas	\$22	\$35	(\$13)
Water and sewer	\$8	\$8	\$0
Cable	\$34	\$39	(\$5)
Waste removal	\$10	\$10	\$0
Maintenance or repairs	\$23	\$0	\$23
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,203	\$1,317	(\$114)

HOW TO MAKE IT WORK

- Stay committed!
- Both partners have to be on the same page
- Don't be impulsive
- Review the budget every month for areas of improvement
- **Live off less than you earn!**
- Plan ahead for the unplanned
- Lock up the credit cards
- Pay yourself first