



Community National Bank Budgeting and Account Balancing Guide

- Are you managing your money or is it managing you?
- Your monthly budget worksheet
- Sample bank statement & steps to balance your account.



Community National Bank

Equal Housing Lender  Member FDIC

Vermont's Community Bank™

Are you managing your money or is it managing you?

Build a solid financial foundation and gain financial independence.

1) Build a Budget.

Use the budget worksheet enclosed in this guide to help plan expenses and understand your spending habits.

Calculate Income

- What is my monthly income?
 - Estimate this by looking at your take home pay based on past pay checks
 - Monthly Income = hourly pay x hours worked per week x 4 weeks – deductions that may be taken out such as federal and state taxes, payment benefits, retirement, insurance, etc.
- Do you have other income sources?

Calculate Expenses

- How much do I spend? Are my monthly expenses wants or needs?
- Add savings as an expense in your budget. As a general rule, it's good to put away 5% of your income in case of an emergency. Any additional money you can save will be a great benefit in the future!
- Are you working towards a special financial goal? How much do you need to save each week to meet that goal? Set this money aside in your personal savings.

Let's say your goal is to save \$2,500 for a down payment for a new car in two years.

Personal Monthly Savings: $\$2,500 \div 24 \text{ months} = \105 per month for 2 years.

- Take time each month to analyze your spending. Is there any wasteful spending? If so, try to adjust your spending habits.
- At the beginning of each month look at the calendar to plan when you'll receive your income and when payments are due. Sometimes income and expenses will not conveniently occur. This requires you to budget a portion of income to pay expenses at a later date.
- Pay bills on time! Paying bills late can negatively impact your credit, making it difficult to obtain credit, rent or even get certain jobs in the future. Plus, you will be penalized with late fees if you pay your bills late.

2) Establish a bank account.

The bank is a safe place for your money. It's important to ask questions when opening an account:

- What types of accounts are available? What account would fit my needs?
- Is there a minimum balance to open?
- What are the per item fees? Is there a monthly service charge?
- Does the account pay interest and if so, how much?
- Are there penalties for withdrawing?
- What services are available with the account?

3) Balance your Account.

- On the back of every account statement there is a step-by-step balancing guide to assist with balancing your account. As a consumer, you are responsible for reporting any errors related to your account within 60 days after receipt of the bank statement. If you do not report errors within the 60 day period you are at risk of losing your money. Balancing your account is the best protection against fraud.

4) Review and Track Accounts Regularly.

- Use bank tools such as Online banking, Telephone banking or Mobile banking to monitor your account. If you have questions, ask your local banker. Your bank may also offer account monitoring services that will alert you if there is suspicious activity on your account.
- Protect yourself from fraud and Identity Theft by reviewing account activity. Order a free annual credit report each year by visiting annualcreditreport.com. Look for suspicious activity, addresses and/or accounts that you don't recognize. You may obtain one free credit report from each of the three credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) once a year. We recommend ordering one credit report from a different credit reporting agency every few months.
- Use software or apps such as Excel, Quicken or Mint to track spending. HOWEVER, be careful! Some apps require you to input bank account information and could contain malware that would allow fraudsters to obtain your personal information.

5) Secure Your Personal Information.

- Keep all financial information and tools such as statements, checks, debit and credit cards hidden away and secure.
- Do not share your personal information such as PINs, Social Security numbers and dates of birth or bank information in person, through mail, email, text or any correspondence unless you initiated the transaction with a reputable company that you know and trust.
- Keep your computer, phone and mobile device up to date with operating systems and antivirus software.
- When online, use reputable sites that you know and trust. If entering personal information, be sure the site is secure by looking for the green lock symbol at the top of the browser/website.

Your Monthly Budget Worksheet

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INCOME		
INCOME	Income from Jobs	\$
	Allowances	\$
	Gift Money	\$
	Other	\$
	Income Total	\$

EXPENSES			
Category	Item	Monthly Budgeted Amount	Actual Monthly Amount Spent

FOOD EXPENSE

Groceries	\$	\$
Eating Out	\$	\$
Snacks	\$	\$
Coffee or Drinks	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Food Subtotal	\$	\$

HOUSING EXPENSE

Home Rent/Mortgage	\$	\$
Heating Fuel	\$	\$
Renter's/Homeowner's Insurance	\$	\$
Electric	\$	\$
Taxes	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Housing Subtotal	\$	\$

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE

Vehicle Loan/Lease	\$	\$
Vehicle Insurance	\$	\$
Fuel	\$	\$
Maintenance (Oil Change, Registration, etc.)	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Transportation Subtotal	\$	\$

PERSONAL EXPENSE

Personal Care (Clothing/Toiletries, etc.)	\$	\$
Health Insurance	\$	\$
Daycare	\$	\$
Credit Card	\$	\$
Personal Loan	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Personal Subtotal	\$	\$

Category	Item	Monthly Budgeted Amount	Actual Monthly Amount Spent
SAVINGS EXPENSE			
(Goal of 5% of income or more if you can)			
	Personal Savings	\$	\$
	Emergency Funds	\$	\$
	Savings Subtotal	\$	\$

ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSE

Television (Cable, Satellite, Netflix, etc.)	\$	\$
Cell/Home Phone	\$	\$
Internet	\$	\$
Media (music, gaming system, books, etc.)	\$	\$
Concerts/Sports/Events	\$	\$
Gifts (Birthdays, Christmas, etc.)	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Entertainment Subtotal	\$	\$

Total Income: \$
Copy income total from page 1

Total Expenses: \$
Calculate total expenses by adding all expense subtotals

Total INCOME - Total EXPENSES	If remaining amount is positive (+) you have EXPENDABLE INCOME, meaning you have money leftover after all expenses have been paid. If the remaining amount is negative (-) you have a SHORTAGE and are unable to cover expenses.	\$	\$
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**Community
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4811 US ROUTE 5
NEWPORT VT 05855

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Customer First Name, Last Name
Address
City, State, Zip

Sample

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Statement
Date Customer
Number

Message Center

07/11/19 CNB00000

If your debit card is declined, try running it as a "debit" transaction which will require your PIN. Requiring PINs is a practice being used to reduce fraudulent activity.

Statement Summary

Account Number	Type of Account	Current Balance
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COMMUNITY CHECKING

Account Title: Customer Name

Account Number	0000	Statement Dates	6/11/19 thru 7/11/19
Previous Balance	1889.19	Days in the statement period	31
Deposits/Credits	.00	Average Ledger Bal.	793.21
Checks/Debits	.00	Average Collected Bal.	793.21
Service Charge	3.00		
Interest Paid	.65		
Current Balance	1054.61		

Activity in Date Order

Date	Description	Reference	Amount
6/12	Harland Check Order	0000000	\$ 17.92-
6/14	Payroll Deposit	0000000	\$388.74
6/19	Debit Card Purchase Local Store	0000000	\$163.85 -
6/21	Automatic Insurance Payment	0000000	\$ 66.25 -
6/28	Payroll Deposit	0000000	\$456.21
7/8	Debit Card Purchase Gas	0000000	\$ 35.79 -
7/8	Interest Paid	0000000	\$.65
7/8	Debit Card Online Shopping Purchase	0000000	\$ 39.00 -
7/11	Service Charge Paper Statement Fee	0000000	\$ 3.00-

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Check listed in numerical order

*represents check missing:

Date	Check Number	Amount	Date	Check Number	Amount
6/15	625	100.00	7/5	630	5.18
6/20	626	15.36	7/8	*633	74.10
6/26	627	52.94	7/9	634	311.15
7/1	628	200.00	7/10	635	26.34
7/3	629	569.30			

Daily Balance Information

Date	Balance
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Sample of a Transaction Register

