

First Job

Tips to Make Your Paycheck Last

It's payday Friday and you stop by the credit union to cash your paycheck. Your first instinct is to ask for the entire amount in cash. You have big plans this weekend, shopping at the mall and a movie. Doing all the things you haven't been able to do – because you have been short on cash.

But wait – your just thinking about the weekend! The money savvy thing to do is to look at the BIG picture, prioritize what you want and plan your spending so you don't run out of money before you get paid next.

You need a game plan.

- Tip #1** – Write down what you want and need.
- Tip #2** – Write down how much it costs.
- Tip #3** – Add everything up and compare it to your paycheck.
- Tip #4** – Prioritize. You might not be able to do everything you want to do. You might have to wait for some things.
- Tip #5** - Put some of the money you earn into a savings account.

If you save \$25 each time you get paid for the next two months – you will have \$100 in your account and a pool of money to use when you might need it most.

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