



Instructions Sheet 5

Every dollar of your income should be allocated to some category on this sheet. Money “left over” should be put back into a category even if you make up a new category. You are making the spending decisions ahead of time here. Almost every category (except debt) should have some dollar amount in it. Example: If you do not plan to replace the furniture, when you do replace it, you will cause strain or borrowing, so go ahead and plan now by saving. I have actually had people tell me that they can do without clothing. Oh come ON!! Be careful in your zeal to make the numbers work that you don’t substitute the urgent for the important.

Fill in the amount for each subcategory under “Subtotal” and then the total for each main category under “Total.” As you go through your first month, fill in the “Actually Spent” column with your real expenses or the saving you did for that area. If there is a substantial difference in the plan versus the reality, something has to give. You will either have to adjust the amount allocated to that area up and another down, or you will have to better control your spending in that area.

“Percent (%) Take-Home Pay” is the percentage of take-home pay that category represents. For example, the percentage of your total take-home you spent on “Housing.” We will then compare your percentages with those on Sheet 6 to determine if you need to consider adjusting your lifestyle.

An asterick (*) beside an item means you should use the “envelope system.”

The Emergency Fund should get ALL the savings until three to six months of expenses have been saved.

Note: Savings should be increased as you get closer to being debt-free.

Hint: By saving early for Christmas and other gifts, you can get great buys and give better gifts for the same money.

- ***You have three sets of “Monthly Cash Flow Plan” sheets located at the end of the thirteen lessons.***
- ***Use these forms as your zero-based budget forms which will be checked every few weeks by your group leaders.***
- ***Make enough copies to do this for a one-year period in order to help you develop proper financial management habits.***



Monthly Cash Flow Plan

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Budgeted Item	Sub Total	TOTAL	Actually Spent	% of Take Home Pay
CHARITABLE GIFTS		\$300		10%
SAVING				
Emergency Fund	\$50			
Retirement Fund				
College Fund		\$50		
HOUSING				
First Mortgage	\$725			
Second Mortgage				
Real Estate Taxes				
Homeowners Ins.				
Repairs or Mn. Fee				
Replace Furniture	\$50			
Other _____		\$775		
UTILITIES				
Electricity	\$100			
Water	\$50			
Gas	\$50			
Phone	\$50			
Trash				
Cable		\$250		
*FOOD				
*Grocery	\$600			
*Restaurants	\$100	\$700		
TRANSPORTATION				
Car Payment				
Car Payment				
*Gas and Oil				
*Repairs and Tires				
Car Insurance				
License and Taxes				
Car Replacement				
PAGE 1 TOTAL		\$2075		



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Budgeted Item	Sub Total	TOTAL	Actually Spent	% of Take Home Pay
CHARITABLE GIFTS		_____	_____	_____
SAVING				
Emergency Fund	_____		_____	
Retirement Fund	_____		_____	
College Fund	_____	_____	_____	_____
HOUSING				
First Mortgage	_____		_____	
Second Mortgage	_____		_____	
Real Estate Taxes	_____		_____	
Homeowners Ins.	_____		_____	
Repairs or Mn. Fee	_____		_____	
Replace Furniture	_____		_____	
Other _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
UTILITIES				
Electricity	_____		_____	
Water	_____		_____	
Gas	_____		_____	
Phone	_____		_____	
Trash	_____		_____	
Cable	_____	_____	_____	_____
*FOOD				
*Grocery	_____		_____	
*Restaurants	_____	_____	_____	_____
TRANSPORTATION				
Car Payment	_____		_____	
Car Payment	_____		_____	
*Gas and Oil	_____		_____	
*Repairs and Tires	_____		_____	
Car Insurance	_____		_____	
License and Taxes	_____		_____	
Car Replacement	_____	_____	_____	_____
PAGE 1 TOTAL		_____	_____	

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Budgeted Item	Sub Total	TOTAL	Actually Spent	% of Take Home Pay
*CLOTHING				
*Children	\$100			
*Adults				
*Cleaning/Laundry		\$100		
MEDICAL/HEALTH				
Disability Insurance	\$100			
Health Insurance				
Doctor Bills	\$50			
Dentist	\$20			
Optometrist				
Drugs		\$170		
PERSONAL				
Life Insurance	\$50			
Child Care	\$30			
*Baby Sitter				
*Toiletries				
*Cosmetics				
*Hair Care				
Education/Adult				
School Tuition				
School Supplies				
Child Support				
Alimony				
Subscriptions				
Organization Dues	\$25			
Gifts (incl. Christmas)				
Miscellaneous	\$50			
*BLOW \$\$	\$100	\$255		
PAGE 2 TOTAL		\$525		



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Budgeted Item	Sub Total	TOTAL	Actually Spent	% of Take Home Pay
*CLOTHING				
*Children	_____		_____	
*Adults	_____		_____	
*Cleaning/Laundry	_____	_____	_____	_____
MEDICAL/HEALTH				
Disability Insurance	_____		_____	
Health Insurance	_____		_____	
Doctor Bills	_____		_____	
Dentist	_____		_____	
Optometrist	_____		_____	
Drugs	_____	_____	_____	_____
PERSONAL				
Life Insurance	_____		_____	
Child Care	_____		_____	
*Baby Sitter	_____		_____	
*Toiletries	_____		_____	
*Cosmetics	_____		_____	
*Hair Care	_____		_____	
Education/Adult	_____		_____	
School Tuition	_____		_____	
School Supplies	_____		_____	
Child Support	_____		_____	
Alimony	_____		_____	
Subscriptions	_____		_____	
Organization Dues	_____		_____	
Gifts (incl. Christmas)	_____		_____	
Miscellaneous	_____		_____	
*BLOW \$\$	_____	_____	_____	_____
PAGE 2 TOTAL		_____		



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Budgeted Item	Sub Total	TOTAL	Actually Spent	% of Take Home Pay
RECREATION				
*Entertainment	\$50			
Vacation	\$25	\$75		
DEBTS (Hopefully -0-)				
Visa 1	\$100			
Visa 2				
Master Card 1	\$75			
Master Card 2				
American Express	\$50			
Discover Card				
Gas Card 1				
Gas Card 2				
Dept. Store Card 1				
Dept. Store Card 2				
Finance Co. 1				
Finance Co. 2				
Credit Line				
Student Loan 1	\$100			
Student Loan 2				
Other				
Other				
Other				
Other				
Other		\$325		
PAGE 3 TOTAL		\$400		
PAGE 2 TOTAL		\$525		
PAGE 1 TOTAL		\$2075		
GRAND TOTAL		\$3000		
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		\$3000		
		ZERO		



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Budgeted Item	Sub Total	TOTAL	Actually Spent	% of Take Home Pay
RECREATION				
*Entertainment	_____		_____	
Vacation	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEBTS (Hopefully -0-)				
Visa 1	_____		_____	
Visa 2	_____		_____	
Master Card 1	_____		_____	
Master Card 2	_____		_____	
American Express	_____		_____	
Discover Card	_____		_____	
Gas Card 1	_____		_____	
Gas Card 2	_____		_____	
Dept. Store Card 1	_____		_____	
Dept. Store Card 2	_____		_____	
Finance Co. 1	_____		_____	
Finance Co. 2	_____		_____	
Credit Line	_____		_____	
Student Loan 1	_____		_____	
Student Loan 2	_____		_____	
Other _____	_____		_____	
Other _____	_____		_____	
Other _____	_____		_____	
Other _____	_____		_____	
Other _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PAGE 3 TOTAL		_____	_____	
PAGE 2 TOTAL		_____	_____	
PAGE 1 TOTAL		_____	_____	
GRAND TOTAL		_____	_____	
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		_____		
		ZERO		