



My Recordkeeping Plan

LESSON 20: STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET 1

Recordkeeping is no fun, but compared to tearing the house apart looking for a paystub or your bank's contact information, it's a small price to pay. Knowing how long records should be kept and coming up with a system for saving bills and papers is also an important aspect of staying on top of your finances. Fill in the information about your accounts, payment schedule and recordkeeping plan below. Then keep the form with your records at home, updating it when any account or payment information changes. *Important: Leave blank any personal information that should not be shared publicly—account numbers, Social Security or driver's license numbers, etc.*

1. What is the name and contact information for your bank?

2. What are the names and contact information for any other accounts you have, such as a cell phone account or car loan?

3. Where will you keep the following records? Indicate where you plan to store hard copies or online records of each item.

Paystubs and W-2 form: _____

Bank statements: _____

Where will you keep other account statements (phone, car insurance etc.): _____

Where will you keep your Social Security card, passport or other items: _____

Budget and receipts: _____



STUDENT TIP

You may need to locate account paperwork at home in order to complete the form. If so, fill in what you are able to during the lesson and complete the remaining portions at home, bringing the completed form with you the following day.

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6. Knowing when your bills are due and having a set time when you will review your budget, spending, and account statements for errors is also key. Indicate which days of the month you plan to do the following:

Pay monthly bills (phone, bus pass etc.): _____

Receive your paycheck or allowance: _____

Review bank and other statements for errors: _____

Compare your spending to your budget and adjust your budget as needed: _____

7. There are many online tools and resources that can help you keep on top of your financial records. Spend 5 minutes researching the resources available at the following websites to help determine whether any would be helpful to you.

- Quicken.com
- Mint.com
- Yodlee.com
- Mvelopes.com

As you organize your records and work toward your financial goals, which online tools will you use to manage your finances?
