

## Financial Goal: Paying Off Debt

Paying off debt is an amazing financial goal. Not only does it free up your paycheck for other purposes but it can reduce stress. When you pay off a debt make sure to celebrate your success.

How do you pay off debt? Dedication and being purposeful. Make the decision to pay off a creditor and stick with it. If you have multiple creditors, pay off the smallest debt first. Then take the amount you would normally pay on that debt and add it to the normal payment of the next smallest creditor. Continuing this trend creates a cascade effect that will help you pay off your debt quicker.

By adding just \$5.00 extra to a loan payment it may decrease the length of your loan and overall interest you will pay. There are loan calculators online that show you how much money you can save by paying off debt early.

Community First has financial coaches that can help you determine which debt to pay off first and develop a plan that can lead to financial freedom. If you want more information on our certified financial coaches or are ready to talk with one, visit <https://www.cffcu.biz/financial-coaching>.

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