

# PAYING OFF DEBT

IF YOU OWE MONEY ON MULTIPLE CARDS AND ARE ONLY MAKING MINIMUM PAYMENTS, IT WILL TAKE YOU A VERY LONG TIME TO PAY OFF YOUR BALANCE.

[Minimum Payment calculator](#): Check here to see how long it will take you to pay off a balance by making minimum payments.

INSTEAD, USE ONE OF THESE METHODS TO HELP YOU PAY OFF YOUR DEBT AND GET OUT OF THE MINIMUM PAYMENT TRAP

## SNOWBALL METHOD

**Step 1:** List out your debts

**Step 2:** Order from smallest to largest balance

**Step 3:** Make minimum payments on all

**Step 4:** Add any extra money to the smallest debt

**Step 5:** Once 1 debt is paid off, add that payments to your next debt

**Step 6:** Repeat the process

Can pay off debt with smaller balances in less time, see progress often, and be motivated by that progress

## DEBT AVALANCHE METHOD

**Step 1:** List out your debts

**Step 2:** Order from highest to lowest interest

**Step 3:** Make minimum payments on all

**Step 4:** Add any extra money to high interest debt

**Step 5:** Once that debt is paid off, add that payment to your next debt

**Step 6:** Repeat the process

Can pay off debt with higher interest sooner and pay less over time, but may take longer to see progress.

[Debt Pay Off Calculator](#): This calculator will help you see how quickly you can pay off your debt if you stick to a plan.

If you need help getting started, make a Life Skills appointment to discuss.

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# Debt Tracker

## Notes

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