Take Charge of Your Money

A University of Hawai‘i Cooperative Extension Service Project

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Course Objectives

- Increase your knowledge about financial planning
- Improve your ability to make informed decisions
Saving for a Rainy Day
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Lesson Objectives

- Understand the benefits of an emergency fund
- Identify the importance of saving towards a goal
Why have one?

• Be prepared for unknown expenses that could happen unexpectedly

• Peace of Mind
Three Months of Expenses

- Separate account for emergencies
- Don’t use except for emergencies
- Pay yourself first
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Save for specific goals:

- Short-term
- Medium-term
- Long-term
Short-term (0-1 year)

“I will save $4000 for next year’s tuition by the end of this semester.”
My Goals: Medium

Medium-term (1-5 years)

“I will save $15,000 for my wedding in 5 years.”
Long-term (5-10 years)

“I will save up at least 10% of my monthly paycheck to save up for my retirement.”
Summary

1. Start an emergency fund with enough money for at least 3 months
2. Have short, medium, and long-term goals
3. Visually remind yourself of your goals
4. Remember the difference between a goal and a dream
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