

# Choosing a Recordkeeping System

If your big picture numbers were difficult to figure out, it's time for a better record keeping system to keep track of your details. The most common tools are online apps, excel spreadsheets, software, and the old reliable checkbook register.

No record keeping system is perfect and a record keeping system is only as good as how you use the information it provides. Whatever you're doing, it probably isn't enough.

Moving forward you might need to update and review your numbers more often, or change the system you were using to keep your records, or simply put more effort into capturing and reviewing all of your financial information.

You don't have to do this level of intense recordkeeping for the rest of your life, but you do for the next three to six months, or maybe even the next year.

By spending time digging in and paying close attention to your recordkeeping, you'll become more comfortable with your money, your recordkeeping process, reviewing your numbers, identifying your money issues and working towards resolving them.

