Name of Bill	Amount	Due Date	How is it Paid?	Paid this month
Rent	1000.00	1 <sup>st</sup>	Auto-drafted	$\checkmark$
Water	45.00	1 <sup>st</sup>	Auto-drafted	
Electricity	180.00	1 <sup>st</sup>	Auto-drafted	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
Car Insurance	180.00	5 <sup>th</sup>	Auto-drafted	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Gym Membership	75.00	12 <sup>th</sup>	Auto-drafted	
Credit Card	100.00	15 <sup>th</sup>	Pay online at www.creditcard.com User: Applesauce Password: Banana47\$	
Student Loan	175.00	15 <sup>th</sup>	Auto-drafted	
Medical Bills	35.00	30 <sup>th</sup>	Send check to: Medical Center 1000 Hospital Way Houston, TX 40000	
Cable	150.00	30 <sup>th</sup>	Auto-drafted	
Cell Phone	150.00	30 <sup>th</sup>	Auto-drafted	
Homeowners Assoc.	75.00	30 <sup>th</sup>	Send check to: HOA BOARD 47 Home Place	
TOTAL	2165.00			
Miscellaneous: Out to eat Groceries Haircut Entertainment Other:				
Savings:				

Part-time Job: \$1200.00 VA Disability: \$900.00

Tips for making a monthly budget:

- Calculate your income and all of your expenses. Include bills, items you buy like groceries, clothes, etc., things you do for fun, spending money and any contributions to savings that you want to make.
- Aim to having your income greater than your budget.
- If you don't spend money on something monthly, but want to account for it in your monthly budget, estimate how much you spend per year on an item and divide it by 12.
- If you are not sure what your expenses look like for a month, review your past monthly bank statement to see how you spend your money.
- Estimates can be used for the amounts that will fluctuate such as utilities. It is better to overestimate then underestimate to maintain a balanced budget.
- Include as much information that would be helpful to remember, such as website names, login information, passwords and mailing addresses to keep everything in the same location.
- Order your bills by their due date. Place a check mark in the last column as you pay the bill or after it is auto-drafted.
- Print out a new copy at the beginning of each month or laminate a copy and use a dry erase marker.
- Schedule time each week to review your budget and that week's spending to update and make changes if needed if you had unexpected expenses.



Name of Bill	Amount	Due Date	How is it Paid?	Paid this month
TOTAL				
Miscellaneous:				
Savings:				

Income:

Part-time Job:\_\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_