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Paying Off Debt: Strategies and Tips

Source: Money IQ

Sometimes paying off debt can feel impossible, especially if you owe a lot. So, what can you do?

There are two common methods to help stay focused on becoming debt-free – the Snowball Method and the Avalanche Method.

THE SNOWBALL METHOD

If you like guick wins, this method might be for you!

- 1 List your debts credit cards, loans, medical bills, or anything else you owe from the smallest to the largest balance, regardless of interest rates.
- 2 Make the minimum monthly payment on all your debts but put any extra cash toward paying off the smallest balance first.
- 3 Once you clear that first debt, roll the amount you were paying into the next smallest debt.
- 4 Repeat the process, and as each debt disappears, your available payment amount "snowballs," helping you pay off larger balances faster.

THE AVALANCHE METHOD

Want to save more money in the long run? The Avalanche Method helps minimize interest costs.

- 1 List your debts, but this time, order them by interest rate highest to lowest.
- 2 Pay the minimum amount on all debts but direct any extra funds toward the balance with the highest interest.

- Once the highest-interest debt is paid off, move to the next one on the list.
- 4 Keep going until all debts are gone.

Since high-interest debts cost more over time, this method can help you pay less overall and become debt-free sooner.

SO, WHICH METHOD IS BEST?

That depends on what motivates you!

- If you need quick wins to stay motivated, the Snowball Method helps you see progress faster.
- If you want to save the most money, the Avalanche Method is more cost-effective in the long run.

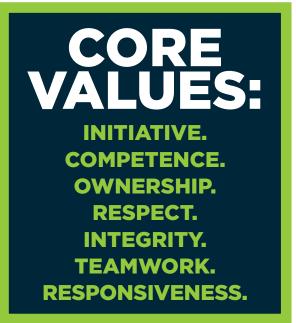
Either way, both strategies can help you stay focused and committed to becoming debt-free.













At Springs Valley, we're committed to making your banking experience the best it can be – and we need your input! This quick survey is your chance to share what you love and what we can improve. Your feedback helps us tailor our services to better meet your needs.

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Springs Valley names Dianna B. Land SEVP & Chief Operating Officer



Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company names Dianna Land, SEVP & Chief Operating Officer. Joining Springs Valley in 2003, Dianna has held positions in operations, information technology, human resources, and marketing.

Dianna is a 1995 graduate of Springs Valley High School and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management from Harrison College and a Masters in Marketing from Southern New Hampshire University. Dianna holds a Senior Human Resources Certification from the HR Certification Institute and a SHRM-SCP Certification from the Society for Human Resources Management. She is a graduate from the Human Resources Management Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin, a graduate from American Bankers School of Marketing,

and attended Stonier Graduate School of Banking and received a Wharton Leadership Certificate. Dianna completed the Information Technology School in 2024 at the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dianna and husband Chris, have three children and six grandchildren (Jack, Kallie, Gunner, Jolie, Quinley, and Kip). Her hobbies include traveling, hunting, fishing, boating, camping, motorcycling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

"I look forward to continuing to collaborate with our exceptional team to drive operational excellence, enhance customer experiences, and contribute to the continued growth and success of Springs Valley." said Dianna.

"Dianna has been an essential part of Springs Valley Bank & Trust for over two decades, and her leadership has strengthened our operations, customer service, and overall growth."

stated Craig Buse, President & CEO

"Her dedication, strategic mindset, and ability to develop strong teams has been instrumental in our success, and I have no doubt she will continue to drive our organization forward in this new role," Buse continued.

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