

Money Matters: Tips for Managing Your Finances

From the Experts at Lighthouse International



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Take charge of your finances with some tips from the experts in vision care and vision rehabilitation at Lighthouse International.

Update Your Banking Style — Go Online!

Take advantage of online banking and/or banking by phone services. Online banking is quick and easier when you use the accessibility features on your computer to magnify print size and enhance color contrast to meet your personal needs. Getting started is simple; if you have trouble, ask for assistance over the phone or at your local bank.

Access Talking ATMs

Did you know the ATMs you've been using — or avoiding — can talk to you? Plug in a pair of your own headphones, listen to the audio prompts and navigate the ATM screens by using the keypad to select and execute your transactions. Ask your bank to help you get started.

Request Large-Print Statements

If you prefer to keep paper statements, request large-print versions (your utility company will also send you large-print bills upon request). Other formats, including audio, may also be available, so be sure to ask.

Use Large-Print Check Registers and Other Easy-to-See Products

Keeping track of your checking account is easier with large-print check registers and other helpful products such as check-writing guides, bold writing pens and talking calculators. To purchase

them, visit **The Lighthouse Store** at 110 East 60th Street in New York City or online at **shop.lighthouse.org**.

Organize Your Cash by Denomination

With the exception of the one-dollar bill, all US bank notes (cash) have large, bold numbers on the reverse side. Sort your money with this side facing up for quicker and easier recognition. If it's harder to see the numbers, fold your bills by denomination; for example, fold a five-dollar bill in half lengthwise and ten-dollar bills in half again, and keep them in separate parts of your wallet or pocketbook.

Get Organized

Revamp your paper filing system to make finding things easier, and use a bold, felt-tipped pen to label and date your files. Or scan your financial documents and store them on your computer and/or external drives to minimize clutter.

Maximize Your Vision

If vision loss is interfering with your quality of life, the Lighthouse can help. Schedule an appointment today with a low vision doctor, who will evaluate your visual function and help you continue doing the things you need to — and enjoy. To make an appointment, or to learn more about living better with vision loss, call the Lighthouse today at **(800) 829-0500**. And visit us at **lighthouse.org**.

Lighthouse International is dedicated to fighting vision loss through prevention, treatment and empowerment.

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