

# Weekly Spending Planner

Plan one believable week, record what happened, then change only what the week taught you.

WEEK

## STARTING BALANCE

Only money available to this plan

## MONEY IN

Income arriving this week

## FIXED COMMITMENTS

Bills, savings, and obligations

## FLEXIBLE CATEGORIES

| CATEGORY             | PLAN                 | ACTUAL               | DIFFERENCE           |
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## ENDING BALANCE

start + money in - commitments - actual spending

## WEEKLY REVIEW

What surprised me?

Was it unusual or a pattern?

One change for next week - or 'no change'

# Jordan's Week: Aug 24-30

Rent is already protected elsewhere. This sheet covers money that can actually move during the week.

**STARTING BALANCE****\$610**

available after protected bills

**MONEY IN****\$350**

freelance payment on Wednesday

**FIXED COMMITMENTS****\$320**

\$220 childcare + \$100 savings

**FLEXIBLE CATEGORIES**

| CATEGORY        | PLAN  | ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|-----------------|-------|--------|------------|
| Groceries       | \$150 | \$164  | -\$14      |
| Dining + coffee | \$70  | \$54   | +\$16      |
| Transportation  | \$60  | \$48   | +\$12      |
| Household       | \$40  | \$71   | -\$31      |
| Personal        | \$35  | \$20   | +\$15      |

**ENDING BALANCE**

$\$610 + \$350 - \$320 - \$357$

**\$283****WHAT THIS WEEK TAUGHT JORDAN****SURPRISE**

A \$31 smoke-detector replacement pushed Household over.

**PATTERN?**

Not yet. Treat it as an irregular home cost, then watch the next weeks.

**NEXT WEEK**

Keep Grocery at \$150; add a monthly home-maintenance buffer.

The goal is not perfect categories. It is a believable next decision. Reconcile the ending balance with real accounts before carrying it forward.