



ACTIVITY #5: TRACK EXPENSES: KEEP RECEIPTS

To figure out how you spend your money, begin by tracking your spending for at least one month. Use the tracker below to keep a record of your purchases. At the end of the month, gather all your receipts and sort them into categories (groceries, personal care items, takeout food, transportation, clothing, entertainment, or health insurance co-pays).

Expense Tracker for the Month of _____

Date	Description	Amount	Need	Want
1. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. _____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



TIP

Keep all your receipts organized. It's essential to save every receipt for every purchase, not just those made with cash. Add the total amount spent from each category of receipts. You can then use these categorized receipts in Activity #6.