

# PROTECTING YOUR FOUR WALLS

DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



We understand. Everything that is happening to our economy right now is scary. That is why it's important to focus your energy on your own financial situation. **At the end of the day, you need to have your house in order.**

Let's look at what you can do today to ensure you and your family are financially prepared to weather the storm.

## THE FOUR WALLS

When the going gets rough—like it is right now—you need to focus on the things you really need to survive. We call these the Four Walls. Forget the student loan payment, the vet bill and the cell phone bill (for now). The Four Walls are your priority, so pay for these things in this order before anything else:

- 1 FOOD**
- 2 SHELTER**
- 3 UTILITIES**
- 4 TRANSPORTATION**

These are the basics you need to keep going so you can live to fight another day. And food is number one on the list, for obvious reasons. So if there's no food in the fridge, don't pay the cable bill. If there's any money left over after you take care of the Four Walls, make a list of what else you need to pay and tackle that in order of importance.

After you have taken care of the Four Walls focus on saving as much as you can. This will help with peace of mind until we get to the other side of this national crisis. Wherever you're at right now, just know you're not alone in any of this. Together, we will get through this!

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