FIRST-TIME **Money Matters Check Credit:** Keep low balances, make payments on time, and check your credit annually at HOMFBUYFR AnnualCreditReport.com Lay Low: Avoid big bank transactions and be sure to deposit part of your paycheck into savings **Use Tools:** An online mortgage calculator can help determine a budget **Application Station** Gather Paperwork: Gather documents like debts, bank statements and paycheck stubs Go to a Pro: Your trusted Bay Equity Loan Officer can review your loan options **Get a Pre-approval Letter:** Being financially vetted proves to sellers you are serious **Budget for Extras Real Estate Agent:** A professional's expertise in your best interest is worth the cost **Home Inspection:** Required to catch major issues before contracts are signed **Final Financials:** Be sure to budget for closing costs, movers, tax and insurance



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