# Choose your **STRATEGY**

The strategy you choose will affect the order in which you pay off your debts

## THE SNOWBALL METHOD

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### **HOW IT WORKS**

Debts are arranged and paid off from smallest balance to largest balance—small debts are quickly crossed off your list, which can give you a confidence boost

#### WHO IT'S FOR

This strategy is ideal for beginners or for those who rely on visible progress in order to feel motivated

## THE AVALANCHE METHOD

### **HOW IT WORKS**

Debts are arranged and paid off from highest interest rate to lowest interest rate—this strategy eliminates your most expensive debt first

## WHO IT'S FOR

Those who want to use the most mathematically powerful strategy; those who are determined (your most expensive debt may also have a large balance)

## CONSOLIDATION

#### HOW IT WORKS

A new loan is taken out and the borrowed money is used to pay off all your other debts, leaving you with only one loan to keep track of



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WHO IT'S FOR

Those who are having trouble keeping track of all their various debts and repeatedly missing payment due dates as a result If you don't know which strategy is best for you, talk to your credit union about debt counseling or other resources