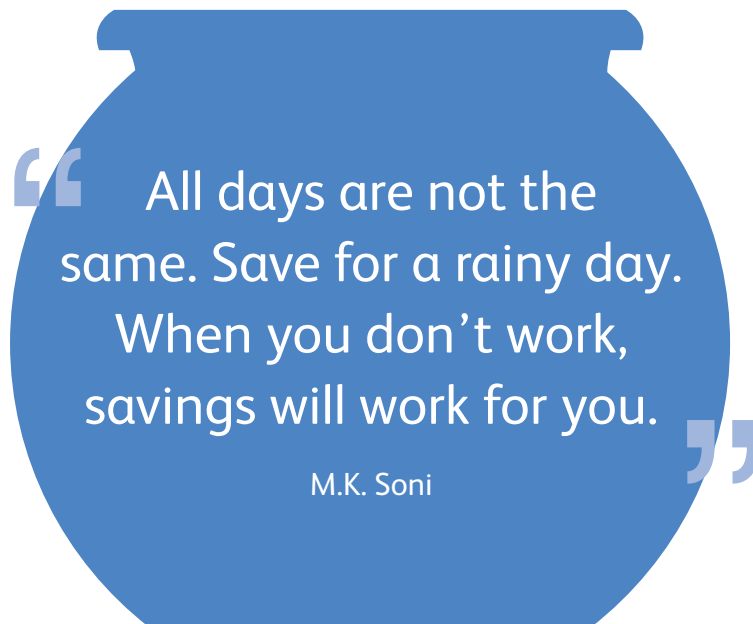


*Tips From Intuit's Personal Finance Team*  
**Discover Your Money Pot**



Nobody likes a budget, but everyone needs one. Here are a few tips from Mint.com that can help you determine what you can afford and how you can stay within your budget.

- **Discover your “money pot.”** Total your net income for the month and subtract your fixed expenses (housing, car payment, bills, and savings—but not food and gas). The amount that is left over is your “money pot.” Invest a portion of what you save in a 401k and a high-yielding account.
- **Achieve your goals** by being smart about how you spend and save.
- **Spend less than you earn.**
- **Make the money you have work for you;** invest almost everything you save.
- **Plan for the unexpected.** Make sure to keep an emergency fund.

**The 10-10-10 Rule:**

It stands for 10 minute–10 months – 10 years. Whenever you feel the urge to buy something that may be above your budget or just seems expensive to you, ask yourself this: Will you remember that purchase in 10 minutes? How about 10 months? Ten years?

