



Benefits of Homeownership

Homeownership can be a great investment tool. Your monthly mortgage payments are a type of scheduled savings plan that can help build equity. As a benefit, you often can borrow against that equity or convert it to cash if you sell the home.

Another benefit is the amount of money you'll likely save in taxes. The interest paid on your mortgage is usually tax-deductible and can save you a substantial amount each year in federal income taxes. Any discount points you pay on your loan may also be deductible.

Houses can increase in value over time. In many parts of the country, homes sell at a higher price than when they were purchased - this is called "appreciation." This increase in value means the homeowner has essentially increased his or her net worth.

Another advantage of owning your own home is that with fixed rate mortgage products, you will have fixed principal and interest payments for the life of the loan. With our adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) products, the interest rate can fluctuate, but often is initially much lower than that of a fixed rate mortgage.

Don't forget the other benefits of homeownership. You often feel more a part of the community while realizing the American dream of homeownership.

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