

SUMMARY

As you learned in this manual, the decision to refinance for different terms or borrow against your home equity is a difficult one, with many considerations. Both options can be beneficial. Among other things, refinancing for different terms can lower your interest rate and monthly payment, which can free up money for other financial goals like saving for an emergency fund or reducing your credit card debt. Borrowing against your home equity may also be a way for you to meet some of your larger financial goals like making home improvements or paying for a child's education.

Since your home is probably your largest financial asset, it is important for you to manage this asset wisely. If you have decided that refinancing for different rates or borrowing against your home equity is right for you, be sure to proceed with caution. Get your finances in order and shop around for the best loan available. Once you obtain your loan, make on-time payments to protect your investment and your credit rating.