

Financial Spring Cleaning Resources

To help you stay apprised of some important financial upkeep areas

2021 Annual Limits for Tax and Wealth Planning

• To Coin a Phrase Blog: Wealth Management Insights and Resources Worth Routing

Credit check

- <u>Annual Free Credit Report</u> The official free credit report available from the three most prominent credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion
- <u>USA.gov</u> Background information on credit reports and scores provided by the federal government

Document retention, secure backup solutions and password protection

- <u>Better Business Bureau</u> Guidelines for retaining various documents and records
- **Home backup** Protection of digital assets (financial records, photos and other important information) and disaster recovery. <u>Carbonite®</u> is one of many possible solutions
- Secure password manager and strong password generator Last Pass is one of several available tools

Annual homeowners, liability and other insurance review

• The <u>Insurance Information Institute</u> has useful education as you complete your annual property and casualty and umbrella liability insurance review with a qualified specialist

Budget and expense tracking apps and resources

- Consumer Finance Protection Bureau basic budgeting tips to get started
- You Need a Budget (YNAB), Simplifi by Quicken, Mint by Intuit
- The best budgeting apps and tools according to The New York Times

Ask your portfolio manager about Ferguson Wellman and West Bearing resources

- *Wealth Horizon*TM custom wealth planning process
- *Electronic Safety Deposit Box –* secure document and organizing tool for important information
- Budget Worksheet aggregates income sources and expenses

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