

Planning

A budget is a plan. You set goals, such as \$200 per month for dining out, and Quicken compares your plan with your actual spending.

You don't need to budget every dollar you spend. All you need to do is decide which categories you want to set budget amounts for. Quicken will do all the math and show you where you stand for each.

To get started with your budget, go to the **Planning Budget** tab and click **Get Started**. Follow the on-screen instructions or go to [How do I create a budget?](#) for more information.

The screenshot displays the Quicken Planning Budget interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for HOME, SPENDING, BILLS & INCOME, PLANNING (selected), INVESTING, and PROPERTY & DEBT. Below this is a sub-navigation bar with options: Budgets, Debt Reduction, Lifetime Planner, Tax Center, and Savings Goals. The main content area features a progress bar for the 'Overall Budget' with markers for 'Spent', 'Overall Budget', and 'Remaining'. Below the progress bar are three budget categories: 'Food & Dining', 'Bills & Utilities', and 'Entertainment', each with its own progress bar. A 'Budget Category' label points to the category list. At the bottom, there is a large blue button labeled 'GET STARTED'.

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