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August 2027 Money Checklist

Tick each box as you finish it. Dated items come from official sources (listed at the bottom).

DATES THIS MONTH

No federal deadline this month: a good month to get ahead.

THIS MONTH'S FOCUS

- [ ] Set a back-to-school budget
- [ ] College ahead? Gather documents for next year's FAFSA
- [ ] Review student loan payments and repayment plan options
- [ ] Use any tax-free shopping days your state offers

EVERY MONTH

- [ ] Pay yourself first: move savings out on payday
- [ ] Scan every account for charges you don't recognize
- [ ] Pay every bill on time (autopay at least the minimum)
- [ ] Cut, cancel or renegotiate one bill or subscription
- [ ] Add to your emergency fund (goal: 3 to 6 months of essentials)
- [ ] Check a free credit report (weekly at AnnualCreditReport.com)
- [ ] Compare what you planned to spend with what you spent
- [ ] Send any windfall to a goal before you spend it

NOTES

Sources: FTC: Free credit reports. Dates verified Nov 15, 2026. Educational only, not financial, tax or legal advice. Full list with links: digitalwealthsource.com/articles/article-monthly-money-checklist