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Option	Interest	Liquidity	Safety	Tax Considerations	Fees & Penalties	Minimum Deposit	Convenience	Other
Regular savings or share account	Relatively low	High	High, federally insured	Interest taxable	Usually none	Varies, usually less than CDs or money market deposit accounts	Often accessible by ATM	
CDs (Certificates of Deposit)	Moderate; increase as term lengthens	Low	High, federally insured	Interest taxable	For early withdrawal	Often \$500 to \$1000	Available at most financial institutions	3 months to 7 year commitment
Money Market Accounts in financial institutions	Usually higher than savings	High	High, federally insured	Interest taxable	Usually minimal	Often \$1000 or more	Available at most financial institutions	Limited check writing often available
Money Market Mutual Funds	Usually higher than money market deposit accounts	High	Not insured	Interest taxable	Usually minimal	Usually relatively low	From financial institutions & investment companies	Limited check writing usually available
Club Accounts	May be lower than regular savings	High	High, insured	Interest taxable	Possible for early withdrawal	Usually very small	Available at many financial institutions	Accounts require deposits on regular basis for special purpose.





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U.S. Savings EE Bonds U.S. Savings I Bonds	Moderate; adjusted two times/year Moderate; adjusted according to consumer price index	Low	High, backed by U.S. government	State and local tax exempt; taxable on federal return when redeemed		\$50 to \$10,000 denominations available	Available through employer payroll deduction plans or from some federally insured financial institutions	● \$50 - \$10,000 levels; ● purchase at half of value; ● maturity date depends on interest rate; ● once mature, no more interest payments
U.S. Treasury Bills	Similar to CDs	Defined maturity dates	High, backed by U.S. government	State and local tax exempt; taxable on federal return	Service charge to purchase from bank or broker	\$10,000 minimum	Available from Federal Reserve Bank, local bank, and brokers	Purchase at discount from face value
NOW Checking Account	Low, similar to savings	High	High, insured	Interest taxable	Often higher than regular checking account	Usually required	Accessible by check or ATM	A checking account that pays interest

