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To Rent or To Buy?

To Buy or not to Buy!

The cost of purchasing a new appliance or item of household furniture can appear daunting, especially with the emergence of a myriad of companies offering deals on renting the same item. Is renting the sensible alternative?

Do you need it?

The first question to ask yourself is do you even need to buy the item under consideration. This will vary from person to person and only you can decide for you. As an example my family have a dishwasher (that came with the house) that we NEVER use, but for others this could be an essential item.



NILS will help you buy.

I read recently of one person who decided to replace all of their rented furniture, one item at a time with items purchased through NILS loans. They are well on their way to owning all of their own furniture and not have any on-going costs. Anything that saves money is worth considering.



A Case Study.

Most of us would agree that a fridge is an essential household item. Should we buy it or rent it? I recently did a comparison for a 420L Upright Fridge/ Freezer and found that I could purchase one for less than \$1000 (several different models and different stores). Repaying a NILS loan for this full amount would work out at roughly \$19.23pw over one year. To rent the same model (new) cost \$12.71pw as long as I committed to a four year contract (a total of \$2644).

