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HOT TIPS

File bankruptcy to stall foreclosure?

A bankruptcy filing does temporarily stop foreclosure proceedings, which can give certain homeowners enough breathing room and leverage to work out a solution with their lenders, said Liz Pulliam Weston, author of "Easy Money: How to Simplify Your Finances and Get What You Want out of Life." But again, it's not a do-it-yourself project, she added. You'd want the advice of an experienced bankruptcy attorney.

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