

Apartment Checklist

Checklist · 40 items · 9 sections

Everything you need to set up and stock a new apartment. Covers furniture, kitchen essentials, bathroom supplies, cleaning, safety, and tech so you're fully move-in ready. For first-time renters the First Apartment Checklist trims this to the essentials. For move-day itself use the Apartment Move-In Checklist or the general Move-In Checklist.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/apartment-checklist>

BEDROOM FURNITURE

- Bed frame and mattress
HIGH
- Dresser or chest of drawers
HIGH
- Sheets, pillowcases (2 sets), pillows, and comforter
HIGH
- Nightstand and lamp
- Blackout curtains or blinds

LIVING ROOM

- Sofa or couch
HIGH
- Coffee table or TV stand
- Lamps or floor lamp (many apartments have poor overhead lighting)
- Area rug (hard floors are cold and loud without one)

KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

- Pots and pans set (skillet, saucepan, large pot)
HIGH
- Knife set and cutting board
HIGH
- Plates, bowls, and mugs (4 of each)
HIGH

- Glasses and cups
HIGH
- Silverware set
HIGH
- Dish drying rack and dish soap
HIGH
- Cooking utensils: spatula, ladle, tongs, wooden spoon
HIGH
- Can opener and bottle opener
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Food storage containers with lids

BATHROOM

- Bath towels (2-3) and hand towels
HIGH
- Shower curtain, liner, and rings (if no glass door)
HIGH
- Bath mat
HIGH
- Toilet brush and plunger
HIGH
- Toilet paper (stock up: run out once and you'll always have a backup)
HIGH

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- All-purpose cleaner, toilet cleaner, and bathroom cleaner
HIGH
- Mop or Swiffer and broom / dustpan
HIGH
- Vacuum cleaner
HIGH
- Trash cans (kitchen + bathroom) and trash bags
HIGH
- Paper towels and cleaning cloths
HIGH

SAFETY

- Smoke detector working: test it

HIGH

Landlord is required to provide one: test it and replace battery if needed

- Carbon monoxide detector (if gas appliances in unit)

HIGH

- Basic first aid kit

TECHNOLOGY

- Power strip with surge protector

HIGH

- Wi-Fi router set up and internet connected

HIGH

ADMIN

- Renter's insurance: set up policy before or day of move-in

HIGH

Typically \$15-30/month: protects your belongings against theft, fire, and liability

- Utilities transferred to your name: electricity, gas, water

HIGH

- Address updated: USPS, bank, employer, driver's license

HIGH

EXTRAS

- Command hooks and strips for hanging (no nails in rental walls)

- Basic tool kit: hammer, screwdrivers, level, Allen wrenches

- Laundry supplies: detergent, dryer sheets, hamper

HIGH