

Move-In Checklist

Checklist · 26 items · 7 sections

Moving into a new home or apartment? This move-in checklist covers everything: from inspecting and documenting the property condition on day one to setting up utilities, cleaning, and getting fully settled.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/move-in-checklist>

BEFORE MOVING IN

- Do a walk-through and document all existing damage (photos + notes)

HIGH

Share documentation with landlord in writing: protects your security deposit

- Check all doors and windows open, close, and lock properly

HIGH

- Test all light switches, outlets, and ceiling fans

HIGH

- Run all faucets and check for leaks under sinks

HIGH

- Test toilets: flush and check for running or leaks

HIGH

- Test appliances: stove, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher

HIGH

- Check heating and AC work properly

HIGH

- Locate main water shutoff valve and circuit breaker box

HIGH

- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors work

HIGH

- Get all keys, fobs, and access codes from landlord/previous owner

HIGH

CLEANING

- Deep clean entire home before moving furniture in

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- Clean inside all cabinets, drawers, and closets

HIGH

- Scrub bathrooms: toilet, tub/shower, sink, floor

HIGH

- Clean oven and wipe down all kitchen appliances

HIGH

UTILITIES & SERVICES

- Set up electricity, gas, and water in your name

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- Set up internet and cable service

HIGH

- Set up renter's or homeowner's insurance

HIGH

ADDRESS CHANGE

- Update address with USPS: submit mail forwarding

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- Update address with bank and credit cards

HIGH

- Update driver's license and vehicle registration

HIGH

- Update address with employer, doctor, and subscriptions

SAFETY

- Change locks or re-key doors (especially if renting)

- Put together an emergency kit: fire extinguisher, first aid

MAINTENANCE

- Replace HVAC air filter

SETTLING IN

- Introduce yourself to neighbors

- Find nearest grocery store, pharmacy, and urgent care