

First Apartment Checklist

Everything a first-time renter needs to buy and set up for a first apartment.

Before You Move In

- ☐ Set up electricity, gas, water and internet accounts
- ☐ Buy renters insurance
- ☐ Get keys, mailbox key and a copy if allowed
- ☐ Take photos of any existing damage for your records
- ☐ Set up bill autopay and a simple monthly budget

Kitchen Essentials

- ☐ Pots, a frying pan and a baking sheet
- ☐ Chef's knife, cutting board and basic utensils
- ☐ Plates, bowls, cups and cutlery
- ☐ Can opener, measuring cups and a colander
- ☐ Dish soap, sponges, dish towels and trash bags
- ☐ Food storage containers and aluminum foil

Bedroom & Bathroom

- ☐ Bed, mattress, pillows and two sets of sheets
- ☐ Towels, bath mat and a shower curtain with liner
- ☐ Toilet paper, hand soap and toiletries
- ☐ Toilet brush and plunger
- ☐ Hangers and a laundry basket

Cleaning Supplies

- ☐ All-purpose cleaner and a bathroom cleaner
- ☐ Broom, dustpan and a mop or sweeper
- ☐ Vacuum or carpet sweeper
- ☐ Paper towels, microfiber cloths and trash cans
- ☐ Rubber gloves and a small bucket

Living Room & Essentials

- ☐ Somewhere to sit — sofa, futon or chairs
- ☐ A small table or desk
- ☐ Lamps, light bulbs and an extension cord or power strip
- ☐ Curtains or blinds for privacy
- ☐ Basic toolkit: screwdriver, hammer, tape measure
- ☐ First-aid kit and a fire extinguisher