

New Home Essentials Checklist

Room-by-room new home essentials, from the first-night box to tools and safety items.

First-Night Box (Open First)

- ☐ Toilet paper, hand soap and toiletries
- ☐ Medications and a small first-aid kit
- ☐ Phone chargers and a power strip
- ☐ Bedding, pillows and a change of clothes
- ☐ Snacks, water, and a few plates, cups and utensils
- ☐ Basic tools, a box cutter and a flashlight

Kitchen

- ☐ Pots, pans and basic cooking utensils
- ☐ Plates, bowls, cups and cutlery
- ☐ Dish soap, sponges and trash bags
- ☐ Coffee maker or kettle
- ☐ Food storage containers and paper towels

Bathroom

- ☐ Towels, bath mat and shower curtain
- ☐ Toilet brush and plunger
- ☐ Cleaning spray and toilet cleaner
- ☐ Shampoo, soap and a toiletry organizer

Bedroom & Living

- ☐ Mattress, sheets and extra blankets
- ☐ Curtains or blinds for privacy
- ☐ Lamps and spare light bulbs
- ☐ Hangers and a laundry basket

Cleaning & Safety

- ☐ Smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms (test or replace batteries)
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ All-purpose and bathroom cleaners
- ☐ Broom, mop and vacuum
- ☐ Batteries, light bulbs and trash cans

Tools & Home Maintenance

- ☐ Toolkit: hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, tape measure
- ☐ Cordless drill and assorted screws and nails
- ☐ Extension cords and power strips
- ☐ Step stool or small ladder
- ☐ Find and label the water shut-off and breaker box

Do this before you need them in an emergency

Admin & Accounts

- ☐ Confirm utilities, internet and trash service are active
- ☐ Change exterior locks or rekey the doors
- ☐ Update your address on ID, bank and subscriptions
- ☐ Save local emergency, doctor and handyman contacts