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