FIRST HOME ESSENTIALS Checklist

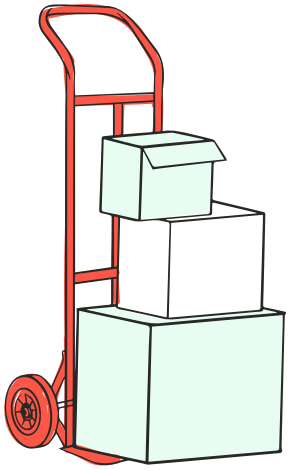
Before Move-In

Payments, Transfers, Bookkeeping

- [ ] Pay all deposits
- [ ] Purchase home/renters insurance
- [ ] Book freight elevator/ parking space
- [ ] Book moving company
- [ ] Document expenses for tax returns
- [ ] Transfer utility, cable, internet bills
- [ ] Update address with USPS & DMV
- [ ] Secure warranties
- [ ] Take photos of valuable items
- [ ] Book a cleaning service for move-in
- [ ] Schedule pet boarding
- [ ] Budget for emergencies
- [ ] _____
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1 Week Before Move-In

- [ ] Do a final walk-through of home
- [ ] Schedule repairs before move-in
- [ ] Take measurements for furniture
- [ ] Rentals: Document pre-existing damages
- [ ] Get familiar with your new area
- [ ] Donate, sell, or toss unwanted items
- [ ] Schedule junk hauling, if necessary
- [ ] Pack & label each box by room
- [ ] Prepare first night box with essentials
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____



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Move-In Day

Immediate To-Do's

- [ ] Change locks on exterior doors
- [ ] Find the utility shut-off valves
- [ ] Find the circuit breaker
- [ ] Paint the interior of your home
- [ ] Test HVAC system

Kitchen

- [ ] Trash and recycling bins
- [ ] Flatware, dishes, and cups
- [ ] Pots, pans, and baking sheets
- [ ] Drawer and kitchen organizers
- [ ] Cooking utensils
- [ ] Dish soap
- [ ] Dishwasher detergent
- [ ] Paper towels and holder
- [ ] Kitchen towels and oven mitts
- [ ] Mixing bowls and mixers
- [ ] Toaster
- [ ] Microwave

Bathroom

- [ ] Shower curtain and liner
- [ ] Shower rings or hooks
- [ ] Shower rod
- [ ] Towel bars
- [ ] Air freshener and soaps
- [ ] Trash can
- [ ] Plunger and toilet brush
- [ ] Hand towels and bath towels
- [ ] Toiletries (toothbrush and holders)

Bedroom

- [ ] Pillows
- [ ] Pillowcases
- [ ] Pillow protectors
- [ ] Comforters
- [ ] Blankets
- [ ] Sheets
- [ ] Mattress
- [ ] Mattress pad
- [ ] Mattress protector

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Closet & Organization

- [ ] Clothes hangers
- [ ] Accessory organizers
- [ ] Door hooks
- [ ] Mirrors
- [ ] Drawer organizers
- [ ] Shelf organizers
- [ ] Shoe rack
- [ ] Vacuum seal storage bags
- [ ] Storage bins and organizers
- [ ] Hamper
- [ ] _____

Windows & Doors

- [ ] Blinds and shades
- [ ] Curtains and drapes
- [ ] Curtain rods
- [ ] Window hardware
- [ ] Curtain tie backs
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Cleaning Supplies

- [ ] Gloves
- [ ] Bleach
- [ ] Glass cleaner
- [ ] All-purpose cleaner
- [ ] Disinfectant
- [ ] Broom
- [ ] Dustpan
- [ ] Duster
- [ ] Vacuum cleaner
- [ ] Mop
- [ ] Buckets
- [ ] Towels
- [ ] Laundry detergent
- [ ] Dryer sheets
- [ ] Dish soap
- [ ] Sponges
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
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Utilities

- [ ] Toolbox and tools
- [ ] Batteries and chargers
- [ ] Candles and matches
- [ ] Carbon monoxide detectors
- [ ] Smoke detectors
- [ ] Fire extinguisher
- [ ] First aid kit
- [ ] Space heaters
- [ ] Fans
- [ ] Dehumidifier/humidifier
- [ ] Air purifier
- [ ] Home security devices or system
- [ ] Iron and ironing board
- [ ] Extra light bulbs
- [ ] Step stool
- [ ] Surge protectors
- [ ] Wi-Fi router
- [ ] Lawn and garden supplies
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Home Decor & Living

- [ ] Beds
- [ ] Nightstands
- [ ] Dressers
- [ ] Area rugs
- [ ] Bookcases
- [ ] Shelving
- [ ] Coffee
- [ ] End tables
- [ ] Doormats
- [ ] Sofa
- [ ] Chairs
- [ ] Dining table
- [ ] Lamps
- [ ] Picture frames
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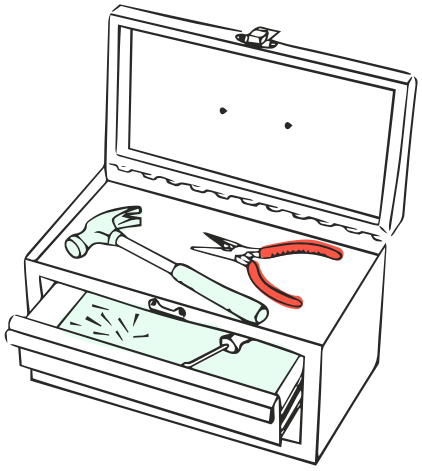
Maintenance and Upkeep

Spring

- [ ] Replace batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors
- [ ] Change AC filter
- [ ] Inspect roof for damage or leaks
- [ ] Clean windows, doors, screens
- [ ] Polish furniture
- [ ] Dust light and other fixtures
- [ ] Inspect and refinish deck
- [ ] Power wash windows and siding
- [ ] Inspect chimney
- [ ] Check sprinkler heads
- [ ] Remove insulation from pipes and hoses
- [ ] Fertilize the lawn
- [ ] Schedule HVAC inspection
- [ ] Flush or drain the water heater
- [ ] Schedule septic tank inspection
- [ ] Clean gutters and downspouts
- [ ] Check for caulking deterioration
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Summer

- [ ] Oil garage door opener, chain, door, hinges
- [ ] Clean kitchen exhaust filter
- [ ] Clean dryer vent and washer hoses
- [ ] Clean refrigerator coils, drip trays
- [ ] Inspect appliances for leaks
- [ ] Replace faucet washers (indoor/outdor)
- [ ] Seal tile grout
- [ ] Prune trees and shrubs
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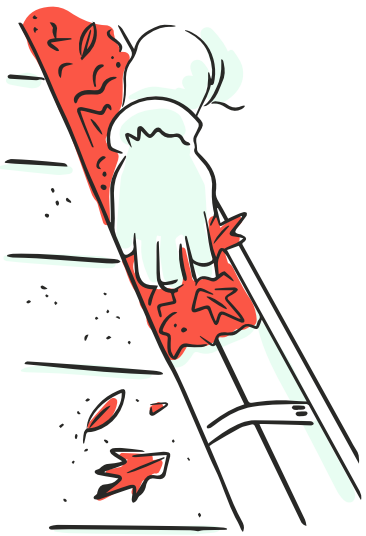
Maintenance and Upkeep

Fall

- [ ] Schedule HVAC inspection
- [ ] Aerate lawn and rake leaves
- [ ] Schedule fireplace cleaning
- [ ] Seal cracks with caulk, replace weather stripping
- [ ] Touch up exterior with paint
- [ ] Inspect roofing for damage and leaks
- [ ] Power wash windows and siding
- [ ] Clean gutters and downspouts
- [ ] Fix cracks in driveway and walkways
- [ ] Replace batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors
- [ ] Schedule carpet cleaning
- [ ] Clean window and door screens
- [ ] Vacuum lint from dryer vent
- [ ] Check for water heater leaks
- [ ] Check for loose/squeaky door hardware
- [ ] Check for frayed cords and wires
- [ ] Drain sprinkler system and hoses
- [ ] Insulate outdoor faucets, pipes

Winter

- [ ] Clean refrigerator coils, drip trays
- [ ] Cover AC unit
- [ ] Vacuum bathroom exhaust
- [ ] Inspect roof, gutters, downspouts for ice dams
- [ ] Check basement for leaks
- [ ] Clean sink, tub, shower, dishwasher drains
- [ ] _____
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