

NEW HOME CHECKLIST



Things To Do After You Move

There are few better feelings than being handed the keys to your new home! With all the packing and moving, it is easy to overlook some basic items that need to be done as soon as you move in to your new house.

- Call utility companies**
Gas, electric, cable, telephone, garbage service, and any other providers for your home must be called to ensure service is in your name. You can also double check what day your garbage will be picked up and when your bills will be due.
- Find your main circuit breaker**
Take the time to locate the main breaker box for your home and label each breaker correctly.
- Fire Extinguishers**
Be sure to have at least one basic “all-purpose” fire extinguisher on each floor of your home and one for the kitchen. It is much better to be safe than sorry!
- Emergency Exits**
Get the family together and plan your evacuation routes in case of an emergency such as fire. Just a few minutes of discussion can ease your mind in the long run.
- Emergency Kit**
Have some type of first aid kit in a central location in your home and make sure everyone knows where it is located. Also make sure emergency phone numbers are all posted in one place where everyone can find them quickly in case they are needed.
- Extra Paint**
Many homes will have cans of unused paint left in them. These are great for touch-ups and for getting an exact match when repainting. Make sure these cans are stored all in one place where they are free from freezing or getting too hot.
- Main Water Shut-off**
Locate the main water shut-off and make sure all household members know where it is located. It is also not a bad idea to purchase a water cut-off wrench in case it ever is needed to turn off your water supply from the meter.
- Floor Protection**
If you home has hardwood, ceramic or tile floors, don't forget to put protective covers under furniture legs.
- Smoke Detectors**
Make sure there are adequate smoke detectors in your home and all work properly. Change batteries every six months. Some families change the batteries whenever they change the clocks for daylight savings time. It is easier to remember that way.
- New Address**
Don't forget to inform creditors and magazine subscriptions of your new address. In most areas, you can now change your address online through the Post Office.
- Street Number**
Make sure your street number is identified and easily visible from the road. Reflecting house numbers on your mailbox work well.