First Apartment Checklist

MOVE-IN DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

BEFORE YOU SIGN

- [ ] Visit the apartment in person
- [ ] Read the lease
- [ ] Ask which utilities are included
- [ ] Budget for the deposit and first month's rent
- [ ]
- [ ]

BEFORE MOVE-IN

- [ ] Sign the lease
- [ ] Get renter's insurance
- [ ] Set up electricity, internet and gas
- [ ] Change your address with USPS
- [ ] Book movers or borrow a truck
- [ ]
- [ ]

MOVE-IN DAY

- [ ] Take move-in photos of any damage
- [ ] Get spare keys
- [ ] Find the breaker box and water shut-off
- [ ] Test the smoke alarms
- [ ] Check that the locks work
- [ ]
- [ ]

BATHROOM

- [ ] Shower curtain and towels
- [ ] Toilet paper
- [ ] Plunger and toilet brush
- [ ] Bath mat
- [ ]
- [ ]

BEDROOM

- [ ] Sheets and pillows
- [ ] Blanket or comforter
- [ ] Hangers
- [ ]
- [ ]

KITCHEN

- [ ] Pots, pans and utensils
- [ ] Plates, bowls and cups
- [ ] Dish soap and sponges
- [ ] Trash cans and bags
- [ ]
- [ ]

SAFETY AND SUPPLIES

- [ ] First aid kit
- [ ] Basic tool kit
- [ ] Flashlight
- [ ] Cleaning supplies
- [ ] Light bulbs
- [ ]
- [ ]

Tip: buy what you need for the first night first, then add the rest over a few weeks.