New Home Checklist

ADDRESS _____

MOVE-IN DATE _____

FIRST DAY

- [ ] Photograph any damage before you unpack
- [ ] Find the breaker box and main water shut-off
- [ ] Test every smoke and carbon monoxide alarm
- [ ] Check that all doors and windows lock
- [ ] Write down the meter readings
- [ ] Make up the beds
- [ ] Put out toilet paper, soap and towels
- [ ]
- [ ]

FIRST WEEK

- [ ] Change or rekey the locks
- [ ] Unpack the kitchen and bathrooms first
- [ ] Learn the trash and recycling pickup days
- [ ] Find the gas shut-off, if the home has gas
- [ ] Check under sinks for leaks
- [ ] Clean the fridge before you stock it
- [ ] Say hello to a neighbor
- [ ]
- [ ]

KITCHEN

- [ ] Pots, pans and a baking sheet
- [ ] Plates, bowls, cups and utensils
- [ ] Chef's knife and cutting board
- [ ] Dish soap, sponges and a dish rack
- [ ] Trash can, liners and a recycling bin
- [ ] Food storage containers
- [ ] Paper towels and kitchen towels
- [ ] Basic pantry staples
- [ ]
- [ ]

BATHROOM

- [ ] Shower curtain, liner and rings
- [ ] Bath towels, hand towels and a bath mat
- [ ] Toilet paper and tissues
- [ ] Plunger and toilet brush
- [ ] Soap, shampoo and toothpaste
- [ ] Small trash can
- [ ]
- [ ]

BEDROOM

- [ ] Sheets, pillows and a comforter
- [ ] Mattress protector
- [ ] Hangers
- [ ] Curtains or blinds
- [ ] Bedside lamp
- [ ]
- [ ]

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- [ ] All-purpose and glass cleaner
- [ ] Vacuum, broom and dustpan
- [ ] Mop and bucket
- [ ] Microfiber cloths
- [ ] Laundry detergent and a hamper
- [ ] Rubber gloves
- [ ]
- [ ]

TOOLS AND SAFETY

- [ ] Fire extinguisher for the kitchen
- [ ] First aid kit
- [ ] Flashlights and spare batteries
- [ ] Basic tool kit
- [ ] Step ladder

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- [ ] Extension cords and surge protectors
- [ ] Spare light bulbs
- [ ]
- [ ]

ADMIN

- [ ] Set up electricity, gas, water and internet
- [ ] Change your address with USPS
- [ ] Update your driver's license address
- [ ] Tell your bank, employer and insurer
- [ ] Update your voter registration
- [ ] Set up home or renter's insurance
- [ ] Keep the home's papers in one folder
- [ ]
- [ ]

Tip: test the alarms and find the shut-offs on day one, then shop one room at a time.