



# Essential Pre-Move-In Checklist

Moving into a new home is an exciting adventure, but it comes with a long list of responsibilities. This comprehensive checklist covers all the crucial steps you need to take before settling into your new abode. From ensuring safety and maintaining your new property to handling paperwork, we've got you covered.

Let's dive into the essential tasks that will make your transition smooth and worry-free, allowing you to focus on the joy of your new beginning.



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# Prioritizing Safety in Your New Home

## Baby and Pet-Proofing

Secure your home and yard for little ones and furry friends.

## Safety Devices

Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

## Emergency Preparedness

Create a family emergency plan and locate all exits.

## Security Measures

Change locks, update access codes, and install security systems.

Familiarize yourself with the circuit breaker box and emergency shut-offs. Ensure the previous owner's Wi-Fi and smart home devices are disconnected and reset to default settings.





# Essential House Care Tasks

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## Deep Clean

Thoroughly clean the home or hire professionals. Most contracts only require broom-swept condition.

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## Pest Control

Schedule an inspection and treatment to ensure a pest-free environment.

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## Repairs and Maintenance

Review the home inspection report, schedule necessary repairs, and create a maintenance schedule.

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## Utilities and Insurance

Connect utilities, consider an energy audit, and update your homeowners insurance.

Don't forget to collect or download appliance manuals and review your home warranty for complete coverage.

# Crucial Paperwork and Updates

## Pet Documentation

Update pet licenses and microchip information with your new address.

## Personal Updates

Change your address with DOL for driver's license and passes. Update voter registration.

## Mail Forwarding

Set up mail forwarding to ensure you receive all important correspondence.

## Document Management

Make copies of closing documents provided by your agent for your records.

Completing these paperwork tasks will ensure a smooth transition to your new home and community.

