

Your first week, in order.

The order that works when you are too tired to make good decisions.

Print this. Tape it to a box. The kitchen is last on purpose.

DAY ONE, BEFORE THE TRUCK PULLS AWAY

- ☐ **Make the beds. All of them.**
At 11pm nobody cares where the spatula ended up.
- ☐ **Set up one bathroom completely.**
Paper, towels, curtain, soap, medications. Ten minutes buys you a livable house.
- ☐ **Change every exterior lock.**
You have no idea how many copies of those keys exist.
- ☐ **Find the water shutoff and turn it once.**
Then the gas meter, then the breaker panel. Two minutes now, sixty seconds saved later.

DAY TWO, WHILE THE HOUSE IS STILL EMPTY

- ☐ **Wipe every cabinet, shelf and drawer.**
They will never be this empty again.
- ☐ **Photograph every serial number.**
Furnace, water heater, AC, dishwasher, washer, dryer. Before you forget which is which.
- ☐ **Test every smoke and carbon monoxide detector.**
Check the date on the back. Ten years from that date, not from the battery.

DAY THREE THROUGH SEVEN

- ☐ **Kitchen, essentials only.**
One pan, one pot, a knife, the coffee maker. Live in it a few days first. You will store things where you reach for them, not where you guessed on move-in day.
- ☐ **Change the furnace filter and write the size on the furnace.**
In marker. You will thank yourself four times a year.
- ☐ **Read the inspection report again, slowly.**
You read it once, the week you were most stressed. Everything about to break is in there.

Week two.

The house starts asking questions no move-in list can answer, because the answers are specific to your house and nobody handed them to you.

Fill in what you can. Notice what you cannot.

WHAT IS ALREADY ON THE CLOCK

Water heater installed

Furnace installed

Air conditioner installed

Roof installed

WHAT YOU WILL NEED AT 2AM

Furnace filter size

Water shutoff is

Breaker panel is

WHAT THE INSPECTOR FLAGGED THAT IS STILL NOT FIXED

1.

2.

3.

Most of these answers are already written in the inspection report you paid for and read once. BTLR reads all of it, fills in every line on this page, and then keeps learning your house from the photos, walkthroughs and receipts you add. It watches the dates so you do not have to.

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