

what to do after you move in.

The sooner you get your life in order after moving, the sooner you can get to the fun part, like enjoying your new home.



- Hook up your utilities, including:
 - Water and Sewer
 - Internet and Cable
 - Electricity
 - Heat and Gas
 - Trash and Recycling
- Change your locks, and put a spare key in a safe place. If you have a garage, reset the security code.
- Contact USPS to forward mail to your new address.
- Notify the IRS (Form 8822) and also change your address on your:
 - Driver's License
 - Voter Registration
 - Personal and Business Banking
 - Investment Accounts
 - Credit Cards
 - Loan Servicers
 - Insurance Companies
 - Employer Paperwork
 - Doctor's Offices
 - Online and Ecommerce Retailers
 - House of Worship
 - Delivery and RideShare Apps
 - Subscriptions
- Do a deep clean. Don't forget easy-to-miss spots like dryer vents, gutters, your chimney, and AC units. Once you're done, make a maintenance schedule to keep chores on track.
- Purchase a fireproof safe and store important home documents inside.
- Test your smoke detectors and make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector.
- Introduce yourself to your new neighbors. And if you feel like overachieving, leave a short and sweet note for them, plus a home-baked treat.
- Get familiar with your home. Locate your HVAC filters and water shut off valve, and then label your circuit breakers.
- Never miss a payment. Set your household bills to autopay.
- Purchase emergency supplies:
 - Flashlights and Batteries
 - Emergency Radio
 - Power Bank (for emergency cell phone charging)
 - Extra Water
 - Canned Food
 - First Aid Kit
- Review your inspection report and make a plan for tackling home improvements.
- Notify your family and friends of your new address and throw a housewarming party!



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