



As you get closer to moving into your first apartment, you need to get organized in a very big way. This first apartment checklist includes a comprehensive list of everything you'll need, as well as a list of tasks you'll need to take care of prior to your move.

### ITEMS YOU'LL NEED:

#### Kitchen

- Cooking and Baking
- Serving bowls
- Mixing bowls
- Pots
- Pans
- Spatulas
- Ladles
- Whisks
- Vegetable peeler
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Grater
- Cutting boards
- Hand mixer
- Can opener
- Knives for cooking
- Serving spoons
- Colander

#### Electronics

- Toaster - Toaster oven
- Microwave
- Blender or Juicer
- Coffee maker
- Hand mixer
- Microwave
- Toaster oven
- Kettle or hotpot

#### Miscellaneous Kitchen

- Drawer silverware organizer
- Dish towels
- Dish drying rack
- Bottle opener
- Corkscrew
- Food storage container
- Foil, wax paper, plastic wrap
- Cabinet paper (for lining shelves)
- Plastic food storage bags
- Ice cube trays
- Dish soap - scrubbers
- Trash cans with bags
- Area rugs

#### Eating

- Silverware
- Dishes
- Glasses
- Mugs

#### Bathroom

- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Hooks for hanging towels
- Trash can
- Bathroom
- Bath towels
- Hand towels
- Air freshener
- Washcloths
- Bathtub mat
- Bath rug
- Soap dish
- Toothbrush holder
- Wastebasket
- Shower Curtain (liner and rings)
- Shower caddy
- Plunger
- Toilet brush
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Personal care items (razor, etc.)

#### Bedroom

- Mattress and box spring/bed frame
- Pillows
- Pillow protectors
- Mattress pad
- Sheets
- Comforters
- Spare blankets for guests
- Night stands
- Lamps
- Dresser
- Hangers
- Laundry hamper
- Trash can
- Curtains
- Alarm clock

- Underbed boxes
- Mirrors (door and full length)
- Drapes / blinds
- Rugs
- Fans and/or space heater
- Mattress and pillow protector

#### Dining Area

- Dining room table
- Dining room chair
- Placemats or tablecloth
- Sideboard or storage hutch
- Candles/tealights
- Candle holders
- Trivets

#### Study Area

- Desk
- Chair
- Printer
- Printer stand
- File cabinets
- Office supplies (paper, etc.)
- Pens
- Paper
- Dry erase board/bulletin board
- Calendar
- Lamps

#### Entry Area

- Coat hangers
- Coat tree
- Welcome mat
- Umbrellas
- Umbrella holders
- Boot and shoe storage

#### Living Room

- Area rugs
- Candles
- Throw pillows
- Drapes / Blinds
- Lamps
- Futon
- Couch and chairs
- Ottoman
- Picture frames and hooks

Shelves  
Side tables  
Art (paintings, posters, photographs)

#### Closet - Storage

Dressers  
Clothes hangers  
Hooks  
Closet organizers  
Storage bins and boxes  
Shelving units  
Garment storage

#### Electronics - Audio

Wireless speakers  
Extension cords  
HDMI cables  
Ethernet cables  
Portable chargers  
Surge protectors  
Television  
Computer monitors

#### Laundry

Laundry hamper  
Detergent  
Fabric softener  
Fabric sheets  
Stain remover  
Iron and Ironing board  
Drying rack  
Change

#### Cleaning Supplies

Dustpan  
Broom  
Vacuum cleaner  
Mop - bucket  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Toilet bowl brush  
Air freshener  
Sponges  
Paper towels  
Window cleaner  
Trash bags

#### Miscellaneous Items

Tools (screwdrivers, etc.)  
Hammer and nails for pictures  
Wrench  
Tapes (masking, clear, duct)  
Storage bins  
Flashlights  
Scissors  
Fans  
Lightbulbs  
Batteries

#### Grocery Staples

Spices and dry seasonings  
Cooking oils  
Sugar and flour  
Baking soda and powder  
Condiments and dressings  
Rice and dry noodles  
Coffee, tea, soda

## TO DO CHECKLIST FOR YOUR FIRST APARTMENT:

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Clean out your old stuff  
Reserve a moving truck  
Read your move-in packet  
Reserve a hotel room  
Contact your roommates ahead of time  
Reserve a parking spot  
Set up your banking  
Fill out a post office change of address form  
Get moving materials, including boxes and packing tape  
Bring a checkbook to the property management office  
Get renter's insurance  
Revisit your budget  
Remember to fill out your apartment condition check-in sheet before you move-in  
Set up your utilities  
Ask your landlord relevant questions now  
Establish your medical care

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