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
- Ladies
- 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

### 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

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Shelves  Side tables  Art (paintings, posters, photographs)

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

**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

**Electronics - Audio**
- Wireless speakers
- Extension cords
- HDMI cables
- Ethernet cables
- Portable chargers
- Surge protectors
- Television
- Computer monitors

**Miscellaneous Items**
- Tools (screwdrivers, etc.)
- 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

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**TO DO CHECKLIST FOR YOUR FIRST APARTMENT:**

- 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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