



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:

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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