



YOUR FIRST APARTMENT CHECKLIST

Everything you need to know



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FIRST APARTMENT CHECKLIST:



What You Should Buy Before You Move

Think of this section as a condensed version of your first apartment checklist: everything listed here is a must-have. Period. Make sure that you've checked off all these items before you move — then, keep everything on this list close by when you move.

Bedroom Essentials

- Mattress
- Mattress topper (mattress pad)
- Pillows
- Sheets
- Blanket and/or comforter
- Clothing/coat hangers

Home Toolkit and Essentials

- Screwdriver—Phillips head
- Screwdriver—Flat head
- Hammer
- Picture/mirror hanging kit — with various weight capacity hooks and nails
- Step stool
- Batteries
- Power strips
- Extension cords
- Duct tape

Bathroom Essentials

- Shower curtain
- Shower curtain liner
- Shower curtain hooks
- Towels — face, hand and bath
- Soap
- Toilet paper

Kitchen Essentials

- Water glasses
- Mugs
- Plates
- Cereal bowl
- Utensils
- Frying pan
- Pots
- Cookie sheet
- Toaster
- Microwave or toaster oven
- Blender
- Sandwich bags
- One or two food storage containers
- Spatula

Cleaning Essentials

- Swiffer—with both wet and dry pads
- Vacuum
- Multi-surface cleaning spray
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Multi-surface cleaning wipes
- Stainless steel cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Stain remover

Cleaning Essentials

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- Toilet scrubber
- Toilet bowl cleaning solution
- Dish/dishwasher soap
- Sponges
- Air freshening spray
- Disinfectant spray

First-Aid Kit Essentials

- Ace bandages
- Anti-inflammatory such as Advil
- Band Aids
- Antibiotic ointment
- Gauze pads
- Antiseptic wipes
- Cold medicine
- Cough drops
- Cold pack
- Muscle pain relief ointment

What You Should Buy After (or before) You Move



✓ Living Space

Whether you're in a studio or a two-bedroom, you won't want to forget to cross these items off your first apartment checklist.

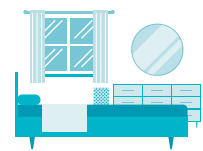
- Comfy couch
- Coffee table
- Extra lighting
- Television and DVD player, cable box, or streaming device
- Storage solutions (bookshelf, TV cabinet)
- Side tables
- Extra seating
- Window treatments
- Wall art
- Picture frames
- Coffee table books
- Decorative pillows
- Throw blanket
- Houseplants
- Candles
- Vases



✓ Bathroom

We're here to make sure you don't get so excited about choosing your hand soap scent that you forget to purchase a toilet scrubber! Check that you have everything you need for your first apartment bathroom.

- Toilet plunger
- Toilet bowl scrubber
- Cleaning solution
- Toilet paper
- Toilet paper holder
- Trash can
- Bath towels
- Hand towels
- Face towels
- Bath mat and bathroom rug
- Hand soap
- Lotion
- Storage for toiletries (plastic drawers, a rolling cart, or an entire cabinet)
- Candles
- Potpourri
- Air freshening spray
- Countertop storage
- Small vanity mirror
- Additional lighting



✓ Bedroom

Here's everything you need to make your first apartment bedroom a cozy, restful place to fall asleep at night.

- Bed frame
- Box spring
- Closet storage solutions (hanging closet organizer and/or shoe rack)
- Full-length mirror
- Window treatments
- Laundry hamper
- Trash can
- Vanity or desk
- Comfy chair
- Nightstand
- Reading lamp
- Alarm clock
- Decorative pillows
- Cozy blankets
- Rug
- Wall art

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Kitchen

For the kitchen section of our first apartment checklist, we're going to break down what you need in your new home to "cook like a boss," host awesome parties, and keep your takeout leftovers secure.

Kitchen furniture

- Kitchen table and chairs and/or barstools

Dishes

- Full set of dishes
- Mugs
- Glasses
- Utensils
- Serving bowls of several different sizes
- Serving spoons
- Serving platters
- Pitcher

Pots and pans

- Large stock pot
- Straight-sided saucepan
- 10-inch frying pan
- Rimmed baking sheet
- Large baking/casserole dish
- Muffin pan

Kitchen Tools

- Small, medium, and large cutting knives
- Cutting boards
- Wax paper

Kitchen Tools

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- Parchment paper
- Aluminum foil
- Cling wrap
- Toaster
- Toaster oven
- Hand mixer
- Blender
- Measuring cups/spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Colander
- Spatula
- Whisk
- Mixing spoons
- Bottle opener
- Can opener
- Corkscrew
- Kettle and/or coffee pot

Miscellaneous kitchen items

- Silverware organizer
- Dish drying rack
- Paper towel holder
- Plastic or glass food storage containers
- Sandwich bags
- Dish towels
- Oven mitts
- Trash can
- Recycling bin

Spices

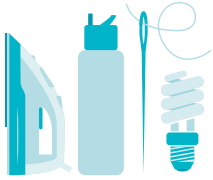
- Cayenne pepper
- Chili powder
- Ground cumin
- Paprika
- Dried rosemary
- Oregano
- Thyme
- Bay leaves
- Ground cinnamon
- Nutmeg
- Cloves
- Ginger
- Garlic powder or salt
- Onion powder
- Salt
- Pepper

Pantry essentials

- Granulated sugar
- Brown sugar
- Flour
- Baking powder
- Baking soda
- Vanilla extract
- Cooking oil (vegetable, olive, coconut, etc.)
- Vinegar (white wine, balsamic, etc.)
- Soy sauce
- Teriyaki sauce
- Ketchup
- Mustard

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✓ Miscellaneous Items



- Reusable water bottle
- Tissues
- Sewing kit

- Iron
- Ironing board
- Chip clips
- Broom
- Dust pan
- Light bulbs
- Command Hooks and Strips

- Space heater
- Umbrella
- Scissors
- Tape
- Pens
- Paper
- Rubber bands

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Ready to cross everything you need for your first apartment off the list? Take this checklist with you when you start shopping, and you'll be all set.