

You Bought a Home!

Your Day 1 Checklist

A little setup today makes your first night - and your first month - much easier.

01 Make it yours

- ☐ Confirm you have every key, garage remote, mailbox key, gate fob, and access code.
- ☐ Rekey or change exterior locks, including side doors and doors connecting the garage to the house.
- ☐ Reset keypad codes and remove old users from smart locks, cameras, thermostats, and garage openers.
- ☐ Check that windows, sliding doors, and gates latch securely.
- ☐ Claim the home's smart devices using your own accounts and reset devices you cannot access.

02 Get the essentials running

- ☐ Confirm electricity, gas, water, and sewer service are active in your name.
- ☐ Set up trash and recycling service; find collection days and where bins belong.
- ☐ Arrange internet service and test your cell reception throughout the house.
- ☐ Photograph utility meter readings if accessible.
- ☐ Save utility account numbers and outage-reporting contacts somewhere easy to find.

03 Learn your home's safety basics

- ☐ Locate the main water shutoff - and make sure you can reach it quickly.
- ☐ Find the electrical panel, gas shutoff, and individual appliance shutoffs.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms; check their replacement dates.
- ☐ Put a fire extinguisher in an accessible location.
- ☐ Look under sinks and around toilets, the water heater, and laundry connections for leaks.
- ☐ Check that heating or cooling works and inspect the air filter.
- ☐ Make sure everyone knows two ways out of the home.

If you only tackle five things today: secure the doors, confirm utilities, test safety alarms, find the water shutoff, and set up a place to sleep.

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04 Capture the starting point

- ☐ Take photos or a quick video of each room before boxes arrive.
- ☐ Photograph appliance model and serial numbers.
- ☐ Save closing documents, inspection reports, warranties, and manuals in one "Our Home" folder.
- ☐ Record anything unexpected and contact your agent promptly.
- ☐ Start a simple home maintenance list while details are fresh.

05 Get connected

- ☐ Submit your mailing address change and update important accounts.
- ☐ Confirm your mailbox location and how you receive packages.
- ☐ Find parking rules, trash guidelines, and any HOA move-in requirements.
- ☐ Say hello to a neighbor and exchange contact information if you're comfortable.
- ☐ Save your agent's number and a few trusted local service contacts.

06 Make the first night comfortable

- ☐ Clean the bathrooms and kitchen before unpacking.
- ☐ Stock toilet paper, soap, towels, drinking water, and a few easy snacks.
- ☐ Set up one bed before tackling the rest of the house.
- ☐ Keep chargers, medications, pet supplies, scissors, and a basic toolkit within reach.
- ☐ Add temporary window coverings where privacy matters.
- ☐ Check fences and gates before letting pets explore.
- ☐ Clear a safe path through boxes and keep exits open.

07 Start your new chapter

- ☐ Take a photo at the front door with your keys. Post on social media and tag Chad Pederson Facebook and Instagram.
- ☐ Order your first meal at the new address.
- ☐ Pick one small tradition: a porch toast, a family photo, or a note about what you love most.
- ☐ Make a "first weekend" list so every project doesn't become a Day 1 project.
- ☐ Pause, look around, and enjoy it. You're home.

Plan access and move-in for the time your purchase agreement gives you possession, which may differ from your closing time.