

First Time Moving Out Checklist!

In the Kitchen:

Whether you are a cook or not, a functioning kitchen is an important part of a home – here is a list of things you will need to start up your first kitchen:

- ✓ Stock your refrigerator, pantry and freezer with your favorite foods
- ✓ Coffee maker (coffee & coffee filter)
- ✓ Measuring cups & spoons
- ✓ Can opener (electric or hand)
- ✓ Cooking tools such as a spatula, wooden spoons, serving ladle
- ✓ Cheese grater
- ✓ Salt & Pepper shakers (don't forget the salt & pepper!)
- ✓ Oven mitts & hand towels
- ✓ Plates, bowls, mugs & drinking glasses
- ✓ Utensils (forks, knives, spoons) – don't forget the utensil drawer caddy!
- ✓ Knife set
- ✓ Cutting board
- ✓ Dish drying rack
- ✓ Blender
- ✓ Hand mixer
- ✓ Pots, frying pans & casserole dish/baking pans
- ✓ Colander
- ✓ Mixing bowls
- ✓ Tupperware storage containers (variety of sizes)
- ✓ Garbage can (don't forget the trash bags!)
- ✓ Microwave (if not built-in)

In the Dining Room:

Regardless of your budget or the size of your first pad, you have to have a place to eat!

- ✓ Bar stools (if applicable)
- ✓ Kitchen table with at least 2 chairs (4 preferably)
- ✓ Place mats for table

In the Living Room:

The living room is where you'll probably spend most of your time, so you want to make sure it's comfy & suits your personal style. There are plenty of low cost decorating ideas you can find online & don't forget your local thrift stores also have great deals on slightly used furnishings.

- ✓ Couch or Sofa with throw pillows
- ✓ Bean bags are great for watching movies!
- ✓ TV with stand or wall mount
- ✓ Coffee table and/or end tables
- ✓ Lamps
- ✓ Ceiling fans or free standing fan
- ✓ Wall decoration/artwork
- ✓ Floor rugs
- ✓ Window curtains or coverings
- ✓ Shelves for the walls
- ✓ Book shelves

In the Bedroom:

What more could you need than just a bed to sleep on? Well here is a list of things you might not think about your first time moving out that you will need in your bedroom.

- ✓ Mattress with box spring & frame
- ✓ Dresser & night stands
- ✓ Bed linens (sheets, pillow cases, blankets)
- ✓ Lamp(s)
- ✓ Alarm clock
- ✓ Laundry basket
- ✓ Coat hangers
- ✓ Wall mirror
- ✓ Shoe rack & coat rack
- ✓ Waste basket

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In the Bathroom:

It is easy to forget the simplest thing, like toilet paper when moving! The Dollar Store is great place to stock up on small items like these.

- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Tooth paste, dental floss & mouth wash
- ✓ Shampoo/conditioner
- ✓ Soap (body & hand soap)
- ✓ Lotion
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Shower curtain with rod
- ✓ Plunger
- ✓ Toilet brush cleaner
- ✓ Waste basket
- ✓ Other personal hygiene items specific for your needs

Cleaning Supplies:

Unfortunately, moving is only half the fun of getting your own place – next comes cleaning! As you become a more suave homeowner, you'll find your own personal likes & dislikes on cleaning supplies. But to get you started here are some basis to get you started.

- ✓ Rubber gloves
- ✓ Pot scrubbers
- ✓ Sponges
- ✓ Multiple Purpose Cleaner
- ✓ Oven Cleaner
- ✓ Ajax or Comet
- ✓ Windex
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Laundry soap & dryer sheets
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Ammonia
- ✓ Vinegar
- ✓ Anti-bacterial wipes
- ✓ Soap: dishwasher & dish soap
- ✓ Duster
- ✓ Vacuum
- ✓ Mop & bucket
- ✓ Broom & dust pan
- ✓ Hand towels
- ✓ Garage bags

Must Have Essentials:

It is impossible to remember every little thing you are going to need, so be prepared & keep a handy list available to jot down items as you find you need them for your next shopping trip. Here are just a few more things you need to add to your list of "gotta haves"!

- ✓ Light bulbs
- ✓ Fire extinguisher
- ✓ Iron & ironing board
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Nail trimmers (grooming kit)
- ✓ Extension cords
- ✓ Power strips
- ✓ Flash lights
- ✓ Candles & matches
- ✓ Batteries (assorted sizes)
- ✓ First Aid Kit: Bandages, antiseptic, aspirin, ice pack, tweezers, thermometer & gauze
- ✓ Basic Tool Kit: Hammer flathead & Phillips screwdrivers, pliers, measuring tape, level, nails, screws & don't forget the duct tape!