

# Tucked Nook

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## The Move-In Inspection Checklist

The stuff matters, but the process protects your deposit. Handle utilities and insurance early, document the apartment before you unpack, and clear the admin in week one. Tick each box as you go.

### Before move-in day

- Re-read your lease: cleaning rules, what counts as damage, hanging and pet rules
- Set up utilities in your name (electric, gas, water, internet) for your lease start date
- Get renters insurance (about \$10 to \$25 a month)
- Confirm logistics: elevator reservation, parking for the truck, key pickup

### Move-in day: inspect before you unpack

- Photograph and film every room: floors, walls, carpets, countertops, appliances
- Open and film inside cabinets, window screens, and the bathroom
- Get close-ups of any existing damage
- Make sure photos are dated, or email a few to yourself for a record
- Fill out the move-in inspection form, or email your own list of issues
- Test it all: faucets, toilets, stove, fridge, heat, AC, locks, smoke detectors
- Report any problems in writing (text or email, never just a phone call)

### Set up your first night

- Assemble the bed and make it up with one set of sheets
- Bathroom basics: shower curtain, towels, toilet paper, soap
- Phone charger, a lamp, and a trash bag
- Water, snacks, and a way to make coffee in the morning

### First week admin

- Change your address: USPS, bank, employer, subscriptions, ID and voter registration
- Update your driver's license and registration if you moved states
- Find the trash and recycling, the mailbox, the breaker box, and the laundry
- Save key contacts: landlord, maintenance line, area non-emergency number
- Meet a neighbor or two