

Get Ready for the Move

Checklist for New Homeowners



You bought a new home and moving day is approaching. We can't blame you for reveling in the idea of decorating your home or planning a housewarming party. But before you start the fun, there are a few things you'll need to handle. Use this list to guide you through the responsibilities that come with moving into a new home.

- Get Your Utilities Up and Running**
Make the necessary arrangements to get your power, water and any other important services turned on.
- Inspect Your Heater, A/C Unit, and Water Heater**
Once you have your utilities up and running, have them inspected, and have any maintenance done that's recommended.
- Locate Fuse Box and Main Water Valve**
In the case of an emergency, make sure you know where your main breaker box and water valve are located.
- Inspect and Clean Your House Thoroughly**
Inspect your home for any pests, damage or troublesome problems. Once everything's in the clear clean your home thoroughly.
- Unpack Essential Items**
Unpack your most essential boxes to prepare the three most important rooms for use: the bedroom, bathroom and kitchen.
- Secure Your New Home**
Change all locks, double-check windows for secure closure, install smoke detectors in every room and install a proper security system.
- Update Your Address and Other Documents**
Register your new address with the post office; if you've moved to a new state, register your vehicle and update your driver's license and voter registration.
- Find New Homeowner Discounts on Insurance**
Stewart's Insurance and Risk Management offers a variety of discounts on homeowner's insurance and much more.
- Establish Auto-Pay on Your Mortgage**
Manage your mortgage payments by setting up auto-pay. This ensures you're never late on a payment and protects your credit.
- Tend to Your Pet's Needs**
Take the proper actions to help your pets adapt to your new home. Update your pet's info if they are micro chipped.
- Greet Your New Neighbors and Find your Local Community Facebook Groups**
Get familiar with your neighbors, Homeowner Association board and local community groups. Befriend local people who can help you adjust to your new living area.