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YOUR FIRST APARTMENT, FIGURED OUT

First-Night Checklist

The before-bed tick list for your first night in a new apartment

> On your first night: secure the doors and windows first, test power, water, heat, and hot water before dark, photograph every room — then set up only three things: where you will sleep, a usable bathroom, and one simple meal. Leave every other box sealed until tomorrow.

Name: _____ New address: _____ Move-in date: _____

1 FIRST-NIGHT SURVIVAL KIT *— pack this one box or bag so it travels with you, not in the truck*

- [ ] Phone charger, power strip, and a lamp or flashlight
- [ ] Toilet paper, soap, towel, toothbrush, and basic toiletries
- [ ] Bedding, pillow, and a change of clothes plus tomorrow's outfit
- [ ] Water bottle, mug, one plate/bowl, one pan, and basic utensils
- [ ] Snacks, tea or coffee for the morning, and any medication
- [ ] Keys, lease copy, ID, wallet, and landlord/maintenance contact details
- [ ] Trash bags, paper towels, and basic cleaning wipes
- [ ] Tape, scissors or box cutter, and a pen for labeling

2 BEFORE-BED ROOM CHECK

- [ ] Front door deadbolted; all windows latched
- [ ] Lights, faucets, toilet, hot water, and thermostat tested
- [ ] Condition photos taken in every room and backed up
- [ ] Bed made; bathroom stocked; dinner cleared away
- [ ] Phone charging beside the bed; alarm set for tomorrow

3 FINAL SAFETY SWEEP

- [ ] Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors present, tested, and not chirping
- [ ] Stove and oven fully off; space heater clear of bedding and boxes
- [ ] No taps dripping; food waste sealed or taken out
- [ ] Keys, wallet, and lease in their one station by the door
- [ ] Nearest stairwell or exit route from your door located
- [ ] Any broken lock or missing detector reported to the landlord in writing tonight

4 TOMORROW MORNING *— so day two starts calm*

Three unpacking priorities, in order:

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Shopping list & landlord messages still owed:

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