



# The First 90 Days: New Homeowner Checklist

## A Quick-Start Guide to Confident Homeownership

- ☐ **1. Change Locks & Entry Codes**  
Swap all exterior locks and reset garage or keypad codes. Better safe than sorry!
- ☐ **2. Test Safety Devices**  
Check smoke/CO detectors and fire extinguishers. Replace batteries and outdated units.
- ☐ **3. Locate Shut-Offs & Panel**  
Find your main water, gas, and electrical shut-offs. Label breakers clearly.
- ☐ **4. Fix Key Inspection Items**  
Start with safety and water-related concerns flagged in your inspection report.
- ☐ **5. Confirm Utilities**  
Ensure water, gas, electric, internet, and trash are all transferred and working.
- ☐ **6. Clean & Document**  
Deep clean before unpacking. Take photos for insurance — and peace of mind.
- ☐ **7. Meet the Neighbors**  
A quick hello builds community and adds a layer of safety.
- ☐ **8. Start a Home File**  
Keep reports, manuals, receipts, and service contacts organized and accessible.
- ☐ **9. Schedule Maintenance**  
Book HVAC service, pest control, chimney cleaning — don't wait for problems.
- ☐ **10. Walk the Property**  
Check grading, drainage, decks, and siding. Watch for pooling water or seasonal issues.



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