



APARTMENT ESSENTIALS — CHECKLIST —

FOR FIRST-TIME RENTERS

Everything you need for a comfortable, functional and happy home.



BEDROOM ESSENTIALS

- Mattress
- Bed frame
- Pillows
- Bed sheets
- Comforter / Duvet
- Mattress protector
- Nightstand
- Dresser / Storage
- Hangers
- Laundry hamper
- Alarm clock / Charger
- Blackout curtains (optional)
- Under-bed storage (optional)



BATHROOM ESSENTIALS

- Shower curtain & liner
- Shower hooks
- Bath towels
- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Bath mat
- Toilet paper
- Toilet brush
- Plunger
- Trash can
- Soap dispenser
- Toothbrush holder
- First-aid kit
- Personal care items



KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

COOKWARE & TOOLS

- Frying pan
- Saucepan
- Stock pot
- Baking sheet
- Cutting board
- Chef's knife
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Can opener
- Spatula / Wooden spoon
- Tongs / Peeler
- Colander



DINING ESSENTIALS

- Plates
- Bowls
- Glasses
- Mugs
- Forks, Knives, Spoons

FOOD STORAGE

- Food containers
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic wrap
- Reusable bags

SMALL APPLIANCES (OPTIONAL)

- Microwave
- Coffee maker
- Toaster
- Electric kettle / Air fryer



LIVING ROOM ESSENTIALS

- Couch / Loveseat
- Coffee table
- TV stand
- Floor lamp
- Extension cords
- Power strips
- Rug (optional)
- Decor / Plants (optional)



CLEANING ESSENTIALS

- Vacuum cleaner
- Broom & dustpan
- Mop & bucket
- All-purpose cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Disinfecting wipes
- Sponges / Scrub brush
- Trash bags
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap



SAFETY & EMERGENCY

- Smoke detector (with batteries)
- Fire extinguisher
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Emergency contact list
- Portable phone charger



TOOLS & MAINTENANCE

- Screwdriver set
- Hammer
- Measuring tape
- Adjustable wrench
- Step stool
- Duct tape
- Command strips
- Light bulbs
- Basic toolkit



MOVE-IN DAY ESSENTIALS

- Phone charger
- Important documents
- Medications
- Snacks & water
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Cleaning wipes
- Change of clothes
- Bedding
- Basic toiletries



MONEY-SAVING TIPS

- ✓ Buy second-hand when possible.
- ✓ Shop sales, clearance, and discount stores.
- ✓ Ask friends and family for items you can use.
- ✓ Prioritize needs first, then upgrade over time.



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