

Post Move-In Checklist

- Locate the main circuit breaker and familiarize your family with it's location.
- Locate the main water line shut-off and show all family members how to operate it. You may want to purchase a water cut-off wrench to turn water off at the meter.
- Purchase a general-purpose fire extinguisher for each floor of your home plus one small extinguisher for grease fires in the kitchen. Demonstrate proper use for all family members.
- Put a list of emergency phone numbers next to each phone in the house and program into every family member's cell phone.
- Make a room-by-room inventory of everything in your house. This will be important, in case of fire or flood.
- Keep first aid kit and a book on first aid procedure in an accessible location.
- Plan an escape route. In a panicked situation, your halls might feel like a labyrinth, especially for children. Make sure every family member knows all entrances and exits, how to get out from the second floor, and where to meet up or who to call (preferably someone who lives far away and wouldn't be affected by a local disaster) if separated.**

Tools Every Homeowner Should Have:

- 13-oz. curved claw hammer. This is the perfect all-purpose hammer. It's light enough, so it won't strain your wrist, yet it's heavy enough to get the job done. The curved claw is great for "rocking" out nails without marring a surface.
- 16-foot/1-inch-wide tape measure. This allows you to read the numbers more easily. It also has great "throw" –which means it can be extended several feet with the tape bending.
- 6.5-inch tongue & groove pliers. These pliers are adjustable and versatile. They will fit around various sized fittings, nuts, and bolts. Whether it's assembling furniture or a plumbing project, because of their shape, they're easy to maneuver.
- Retractable utility knife (with blade storage in handle). You will use this knife for cutting everything from carpet to vinyl tiles, stripping wires to cutting drywall. It's also easy to replace the blade, especially with extra blade storage right in the handle!
- Ratcheting screwdriver with multiple bits. The multiple bits change out easily whether you need a Phillips, slotted head, or square drive. The ratcheting action allows you to keep steady pressure in the head of the screw while simply twisting the handle in place, thus giving you more turning power.