EVERYTHING THE HOUSE NEEDS, IN ONE PLACE

HOUSEHOLD BINDER TEMPLATE

A binder is only useful if it is current. Build it thin, keep it reachable, and update at the moment something changes.

SECTIONS, IN THIS ORDER

- [ ] Emergency: shutoffs, contacts, medical
- [ ] Vendors: name, number, who may enter
- [ ] Appliances: model, purchase, warranty
- [ ] Routines and standards
- [ ] Schedules and maintenance intervals
- [ ] School, medical, insurance

EMERGENCY PAGE, FIRST PAGE

- [ ] Water shutoff location and photograph
- [ ] Breaker panel location, labeled
- [ ] Gas valve location
- [ ] Who to call first, in order
- [ ] Alarm codes and who holds them

KEEPING IT CURRENT

- [ ] Update at the moment of change, not on a schedule
- [ ] One person owns it, everyone can read it
- [ ] Review twice a year, briefly
- [ ] Anything a year stale gets removed, not corrected

PAPER OR DIGITAL

- [ ] Paper survives a power outage and a dead phone
- [ ] Digital survives a fire and a move
- [ ] Serious households keep both, with paper for emergencies only