BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE KEYS

THE NEW HOME CHECKLIST

Everything that is not packing or unpacking. Most of it is easier before you move in than after.

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN

- [ ] Deep clean while it is empty
- [ ] Change every exterior lock
- [ ] Locate water shutoff, breaker panel, gas valve
- [ ] Test every smoke alarm
- [ ] Photograph the meters

FIRST WEEK

- [ ] Utilities in your name and confirmed
- [ ] Internet installed, not just ordered
- [ ] Register with a local doctor and dentist
- [ ] Bins: which day, which bin, where they go

FIRST MONTH

- [ ] Find your people: plumber, electrician, handyman
- [ ] Note where the main shutoff and outside faucet are
- [ ] Check the attic and any crawlspace
- [ ] Meet the neighbors on either side

WORTH DOING EARLY, EASY TO POSTPONE FOREVER

- [ ] Label the breaker panel properly
- [ ] Photograph appliance model plates
- [ ] Write the emergency page for the binder

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