First Time Moving Out Checklist!

**In the Kitchen:**
Whether you are a cook or not, a functioning kitchen is an important part of a home – here is a list of things you will need to start up your first kitchen:

- ✔ Stock your refrigerator, pantry and freezer with your favorite foods
- ✔ Coffee maker (coffee & coffee filter)
- ✔ Measuring cups & spoons
- ✔ Can opener (electric or hand)
- ✔ Cooking tools such as a spatula, wooden spoons, serving ladle
- ✔ Cheese grater
- ✔ Salt & Pepper shakers (don’t forget the salt & pepper!)
- ✔ Oven mitts & hand towels
- ✔ Plates, bowls, mugs & drinking glasses
- ✔ Utensils (forks, knifes, spoons) – don’t forget the utensil drawer caddy!
- ✔ Knife set
- ✔ Cutting board
- ✔ Dish drying rack
- ✔ Blender
- ✔ Hand mixer
- ✔ Pots, frying pans & casserole dish/baking pans
- ✔ Colander
- ✔ Mixing bowls
- ✔ Tupperware storage containers (variety of sizes)
- ✔ Garbage can (don’t forget the trash bags!)
- ✔ Microwave (if not built-in)

**In the Dining Room:**
Regardless of your budget or the size of your first pad, you have to have a place to eat!

- ✔ Bar stools (if applicable)
- ✔ Kitchen table with at least 2 chairs (4 preferably)
- ✔ Place mats for table

**In the Living Room:**
The living room is where you’ll probably spend most of your time, so you want to make sure it’s comfy & suits your personal style. There are plenty of low cost decorating ideas you can find online & don’t forget your local thrift stores also have great deals on slightly used furnishings.

- ✔ Couch or Sofa with throw pillows
- ✔ Bean bags are great for watching movies!
- ✔ TV with stand or wall mount
- ✔ Coffee table and/or end tables
- ✔ Lamps
- ✔ Ceiling fans or free standing fan
- ✔ Wall decoration/artwork
- ✔ Floor rugs
- ✔ Window curtains or coverings
- ✔ Shelves for the walls
- ✔ Book shelves

**In the Bedroom:**
What more could you need than just a bed to sleep on? Well here is a list of things you might not think about your first time moving out that you will need in your bedroom.

- ✔ Mattress with box spring & frame
- ✔ Dresser & night stands
- ✔ Bed linens (sheets, pillow cases, blankets)
- ✔ Lamp(s)
- ✔ Alarm clock
- ✔ Laundry basket
- ✔ Coat hangers
- ✔ Wall mirror
- ✔ Shoe rack & coat rack
- ✔ Waste basket
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In the Bathroom:
It is easy to forget the simplest thing, like toilet paper when moving! The Dollar Store is great place to stock up on small items like these.
✓ Toilet paper
✓ Tooth paste, dental floss & mouth wash
✓ Shampoo/conditioner
✓ Soap (body & hand soap)
✓ Lotion
✓ Towels
✓ Shower curtain with rod
✓ Plunger
✓ Toilet brush cleaner
✓ Waste basket
✓ Other personal hygiene items specific for your needs

Cleaning Supplies:
Unfortunately, moving is only half the fun of getting your own place – next comes cleaning! As you become a more suave homeowner, you’ll find your own personal likes & dislikes on cleaning supplies. But to get you started here are some basis to get you started.
✓ Rubber gloves
✓ Pot scrubbers
✓ Sponges
✓ Multiple Purpose Cleaner
✓ Oven Cleaner
✓ Ajax or Comet
✓ Windex
✓ Paper towels
✓ Laundry soap & dryer sheets
✓ Bleach
✓ Ammonia
✓ Vinegar
✓ Anti-bacterial wipes
✓ Soap: dishwasher & dish soap
✓ Duster
✓ Vacuum
✓ Mop & bucket
✓ Broom & dust pan
✓ Hand towels
✓ Garage bags

Must Have Essentials:
It is impossible to remember every little thing you are going to need, so be prepared & keep a handy list available to jot down items as you find you need them for your next shopping trip. Here are just a few more things you need to add to your list of “gotta haves”!
✓ Light bulbs
✓ Fire extinguisher
✓ Iron & ironing board
✓ Scissors
✓ Nail trimmers (grooming kit)
✓ Extension cords
✓ Power strips
✓ Flash lights
✓ Candles & matches
✓ Batteries (assorted sizes)
✓ First Aid Kit: Bandages, antiseptic, aspirin, ice pack, tweezers, thermometer & gauze
✓ Basic Tool Kit: Hammer flathead & Phillips screwdrivers, pliers, measuring tape, level, nails, screws & don’t forget the duct tape!