

# Apartment Essentials Checklist

Moving into your first apartment? Let's **simplify** your shopping.



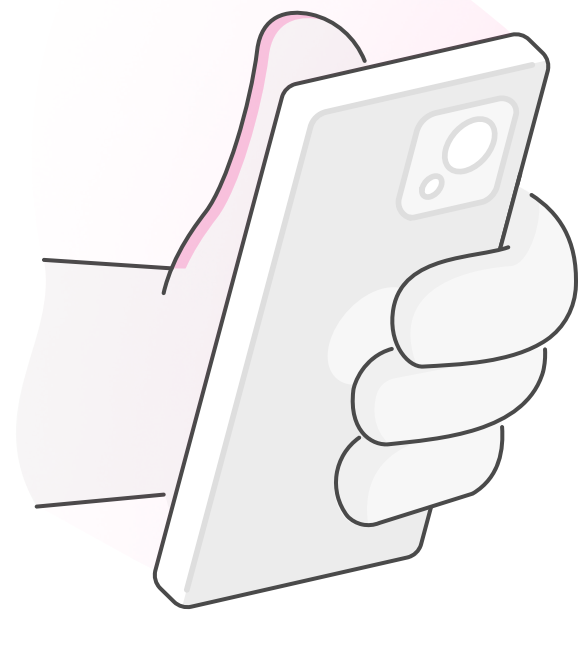
## Expert tips for budgeting and prioritization

- Don't feel pressured to purchase everything immediately. It's OK to start with a minimal setup until you can get the things you truly want for your place
- Rate every item by urgency—like "need ASAP", "can wait", and "nice to have"—including an estimated cost
- Look for affordable and earth-friendly places to stock up on the essentials—like thrift stores, garage sales, Facebook Marketplace, and "Buy Nothing" groups



## Let's get started!

- Take a few screenshots of your shopping list
- **Before you start**  
Make sure to review your lease agreement or consult with your landlord to understand what is already provided in the apartment, and what you're allowed to add or change in the rental space



### Bedroom

- Bed frame
- Mattress
- Mattress protector (or anti-bed bug encasement)
- Pillows
- Sheets and pillowcases (get 2 sets just in case)
- Comforter/duvet
- Nightstand(s)
- Bedside lamp(s)
- Hangers
- Dresser
- Mirror
- Laundry basket
- Other:
- Other:

**Bonus: fan, desk and chair**

### Bathroom

- Bath and hand towels
- Shower curtain, liner, rod, and rings
- Tub mat and bath mat
- Toilet brush and plunger
- Small trash can
- Small garbage bags
- Toothbrush holder
- Toilet paper
- Other:
- Other:

**Bonus: air freshener or diffuser, shower organizer, soap dispenser**

### Cleaning supplies

- Broom and dustpan
- Vacuum
- Mop, bucket, and Swiffer
- Sponges or scrubbing pads
- Duster or microfiber cloths
- Rubber gloves
- Bleach or disinfectant
- All-purpose cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Other:
- Other:

### Misc and safety

- Fire extinguisher
- Toolbox
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extension cords
- Other:
- Other:

### Living Room

- Sofa and chairs
- Coffee table
- Side tables
- Bookcase
- Coasters (protect your coffee table!)
- Lamps
- TV and TV stand if needed
- Other:
- Other:

**Bonus: speaker or sound system**

### Kitchen and dining area

- Microwave
- Electric kettle
- Water filter
- Silverware
- Plates and bowls
- Glasses and mugs
- Pots and pans (Consider getting a starter set)
- Oven-safe baking dish
- Baking sheet
- Mixing/serving bowls
- Cutting board and knife set
- Wooden spoons
- Can opener
- Bottle/wine opener
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Colander
- Dish drying rack
- Dish soap
- Oven mitts and hot pads
- Food storage containers
- Aluminum foil
- Parchment paper
- Dish towels
- Salt and pepper shakers
- Trash can
- Trash bags
- Dining table and chairs
- Other:
- Other:

**Bonus: blender, mixer, vegetable peeler, grater, fancy espresso machine**

### Decorations and comfort

- Door mat
- Rugs
- Curtains
- Artwork and posters
- Plants
- Wall hooks and shelves
- String lights
- Candles/incense
- Other:
- Other: