



# YOUR NEW HOME FINAL WALK-THROUGH

**Selling a home and moving can be stressful, so we've put together this checklist to help. Before closing on your new home, you'll perform a final walk-through. Here are some suggestions to make it go as smoothly as possible.**

## GENERAL

- Review any items or issues noted in your professional home inspection to ensure they were addressed to your satisfaction.
- If the sellers have vacated, inspect floors, walls, and carpets for any damage that may have been caused during the move.
- Check light switches, electrical outlets, and ceiling fans throughout the home to make sure they are operational.
- Turn on all heating and air conditioning units and check vents and thermostats for adequate temperature control.
- Check windows and doors to make sure they open, close, and lock properly and that any screens are intact.
- Make sure you have working keys for all door locks, including storage areas.
- Check ceilings throughout the house for any discoloration or signs of new water leaks.
- Learn where the main water shut-off valve and electrical panel are located.
- Press the test button on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to see if the batteries are good and the systems work.
- If the home has a security system, learn how to operate it and arrange to change the passcode. Record the current passcode in the notes below.

## KITCHEN

- Turn on each cooktop burner and adjust the temperature to check the response. Inspect the exhaust fan and any cooktop lights.
- Turn on ovens and microwaves to see if they heat. If possible, use an oven thermostat to gauge temperature setting precision. Check the oven light, too.
- Turn on the faucet and check hot and cold water temperatures. Look in sinks for drain stoppers. Fill up the sinks and then let the water drain to check for clogs or slow drainage.
- Turn on the garbage disposal and listen for unusual sounds.
- Turn on the dishwasher and change the setting. If possible, let the dishwasher run while you complete the walk-through to see if it cycles correctly.

## BATHROOMS

- Turn on all sink, tub, and shower faucets and check for hot and cold water. Watch to see if drains flow freely.
- Flush toilets.
- Check for any loose or damaged caulk around tubs, sinks, or showers.
- Confirm that any fixtures or mirrors specified in the contract stay with the property.

## LAUNDRY ROOM

- Run the washer and dryer for a full cycle. Check the floor around the washer for any leaks.
- Check the filter on the dryer and, if possible, check the dryer vent for any clogs.
- If washer and dryer are not installed, check the washer connections and dryer vent to make sure they do not need maintenance or repair.

## ATTICS AND BASEMENTS

- Check for any discoloration or odors that could indicate water damage.
- Listen to the water heater for any unusual noises.
- Make sure items and trash are cleared from the attic and basement spaces.

## LIVING AREAS

- Make sure fireplace dampers open and close and that gas or electric fireplaces are operational.
- Check for existing cable, internet, or phone connections and note the locations.

## EXTERIOR

- If there is an irrigation system, turn it on and watch each zone operate.
- Check all outside spigots for adequate water flow.
- Turn on exterior lights.
- Check exterior electrical outlets to see if they are operational.
- Inspect the home's foundation for cracks and possible water entry points.
- Look at the gutters for any missing sections or damage. Make sure that downspouts are directed away from the home's foundation and walls.
- Check the water pump and filter systems on any pools, spas, or water features to see if they work properly.
- If there is an automatic garage door opener, make sure it opens and closes properly and that you have been given a remote control.

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