

# What to do between *Loan Closing* and *Moving Day*

The more you can accomplish during this time, the faster you'll get to the fun part -  
*enjoying your new home!*

- **Hook up your utilities**, including:
  - Water/Sewer
  - Cable and Internet
  - Electricity and Gas
  - Trash and Recycling
  - Security Monitoring System
- **Change your address:**
  - USPS (*request mail forwarding*)
  - Driver's License and Voter Registration
  - Bank and Creditors
  - Employer
  - Healthcare Providers
  - Subscriptions
- **Change your locks** - *it's cheaper to have them rekeyed* - and hide a spare key in a safe place. Reset your garage door opener and security codes.
- **Review your inspection report:**
  - Rank projects in order of importance
  - Create a **Home Maintenance Schedule**
- **Do a deep clean:**
  - Tackle projects like painting and carpet cleaning before you move in
  - Replace filters, batteries, and light bulbs as needed
  - Add to your **Projects** list and **Home Maintenance Schedule**
- **Get familiar with your new home.** Locate your HVAC filters, water shut off valves, fire and carbon monoxide detectors, and circuit breakers (*be sure they're labeled*).
- **Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**, and check the age of each unit. (*Many smoke detectors should be replaced after 10 years.*) This is the time to install/replace these items and add their upkeep to your **Home Maintenance Schedule**.
- **Purchase a fireproof safe** (*or rent a safe deposit box*) to store important documents that would be difficult to replace.
- **Purchase emergency supplies** for an Emergency Preparedness Kit, which should include:
  - Flashlights
  - Batteries
  - Emergency Radio
  - Power Bank
  - Bottled Water and Canned Food
  - Candles and Matches
  - First Aid Kit
  - For more ideas, visit *Ready.gov*
- **Introduce yourself to your new neighbors**, and if you really want to make a good impression, leave a home-baked treat.
- **File your Homestead Exemption paperwork.**
- **Set up autopay** for your mortgage to ensure you never miss a house payment.
- **Get ready for moving day!**

