

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!**

