

The Smart Home Owners Checklist

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Feel Confident in Your New Home

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10 Things to Know Before It Costs You:

- ☐ 1. **Where Your Main Water Shutoff Is** If a pipe bursts or a toilet overflows, seconds matter. Know where your main shutoff is and practice turning it off.
- ☐ 2. **How to Reset Your Breaker Panel** Tripped breakers happen — and you don't need to panic. Learn which switches control which rooms and label them clearly.
- ☐ 3. **Furnace Filter Basics** Dirty filters = higher bills and poor air quality. Change every 1–3 months depending on pets, dust, and allergies.
- ☐ 4. **Hot Water Heater Settings** Check temperature (aim for 120°F / ~49°C). Too high = burns and wasted energy, too low = bacteria risk.
- ☐ 5. **Septic or Sewer System Maintenance** If you're on septic, know where the tank is, what not to flush, and how often to pump. On sewer? Still watch for slow drains and odd smells.

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- ☐ 6. **Shingles, Chimney & Roofline** Roofs don't last forever. Look for missing shingles, blocked chimney caps, or sagging eavestroughs — water is a house's #1 enemy.
- ☐ 7. **Smoke & CO Detectors** Check them monthly. Replace batteries twice a year (when you change clocks). These save lives, period.
- ☐ 8. **Ventilation Matters** Dryer vents, bathroom fans, and soffit vents all prevent mould and fire hazards. Clean them out at least once a year.
- ☐ 9. **Emergency Shutoffs Beyond Water** Gas, propane, oil tanks — know how to shut them down safely. If you don't, ask your utility or a pro to walk you through it.
- ☐ 10. **Your Seasonal Maintenance Routine** A little prevention goes a long way. Tasks like weather stripping, checking caulking, and clearing gutters can save thousands in repairs.

Tick off what you already know. Circle what you don't — that's where I can help. Book a New Home Orientation with me and walk away with confidence, clarity, and a personalized homeowner's manual.

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