

Home Inventory Checklist

A room-by-room list of what to photograph and what details to record. Work one room at a time, photograph first, and store the finished list somewhere outside the house.

What to record for each item

- ☐ Photo — one wide shot per room, close-ups of anything valuable
- ☐ Description — "55-inch LG OLED TV", not "TV"
- ☐ Brand and model, from the label, box, or settings menu
- ☐ Serial number — electronics, tools, appliances, bikes, firearms, instruments
- ☐ Where it lives — room, and which bin or shelf for stored items
- ☐ Purchase date and price (approximate is fine)
- ☐ Receipt, manual, or warranty — a photo of the paper counts
- ☐ Quantity, for sets like dining chairs or place settings

Living room / family room

- ☐ TV and mount, soundbar or speakers, streaming boxes, consoles and controllers
- ☐ Sofas, chairs, coffee and side tables, media console, bookcases
- ☐ Rugs, lamps, curtains and rods, wall art, mirrors, clocks
- ☐ Fireplace tools and screen, decor, plants and planters

Kitchen

- ☐ Refrigerator, range, oven, microwave, dishwasher, hood — model and serial numbers
- ☐ Countertop appliances: coffee maker, mixer, blender, air fryer, toaster
- ☐ Cookware, bakeware, knife set, gadgets (photograph the open drawer)
- ☐ Dishes, glassware, flatware, serving pieces — count place settings
- ☐ Pantry shelving, stools, table and chairs

Dining room

- ☐ Table, chairs, buffet or hutch, bar cart
- ☐ China, crystal, silver — note quantities and any appraisals
- ☐ Light fixture, rug, artwork

Bedrooms (repeat per room)

- ☐ Bed frame, mattress and box spring, nightstands, dresser, armoire
- ☐ Bedding sets, lamps, TV, window treatments
- ☐ Clothing by category and rough count, not piece by piece
- ☐ Jewelry, watches, handbags — photograph individually, note appraisals
- ☐ Closet contents: open the doors, photograph shelves and rods

Bathrooms

- ☐ Hair dryers, straighteners, razors, scales, electric toothbrushes
- ☐ Linens, shower fixtures, cabinets and vanities, mirrors
- ☐ Prescription devices and medical equipment

Home office

- ☐ Computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, printers — serial numbers on all
- ☐ Desk, chair, filing cabinets, shelving
- ☐ Cameras and lenses, microphones, networking gear, external drives

Laundry and utility

- ☐ Washer and dryer with model and serial numbers
- ☐ Water heater, furnace, air handler, water softener, sump pump, whole-house filter
- ☐ Iron, drying racks, shelving, vacuum, cleaning equipment

Garage, shed, and storage

- ☐ Power tools and hand tools — photograph the pegboard and open drawers
- ☐ Lawn mower, snow blower, trimmer, pressure washer, generator
- ☐ Bicycles, kayaks, camping gear, ski and snowboard equipment
- ☐ Ladders, workbench, shop vac, air compressor
- ☐ Holiday decorations and seasonal bins — one photo per open bin
- ☐ Vehicles, trailers, ATVs, boats: VIN, plate, mileage

Basement and attic

- ☐ Stored furniture, spare mattresses, exercise equipment
- ☐ Archive boxes: documents, photo albums, keepsakes, inherited items
- ☐ Freezer, second refrigerator, dehumidifier

Outside

- ☐ Patio furniture, grill, fire pit, umbrellas and covers
- ☐ Play structures, trampoline, pool or hot tub equipment
- ☐ Landscape lighting, irrigation controller, outdoor speakers, cameras, doorbell

Categories that deserve extra attention

- ☐ Jewelry, watches, loose gemstones
- ☐ Fine art, antiques, collectibles
- ☐ Firearms
- ☐ Musical instruments
- ☐ Silverware, china, crystal
- ☐ Cameras and professional equipment
- ☐ Coins, stamps, trading cards, memorabilia
- ☐ Furs and designer handbags

Keep appraisals and certificates with the item record, and photograph hallmarks, engravings, and serial numbers.

Finishing and keeping it current

- ☐ Store a copy somewhere outside the house
- ☐ Add new items — and their receipts — at purchase
- ☐ Remove items you sell, donate, or discard
- ☐ Review the whole list once a year (policy renewal is an easy date)

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