

# 10 Things to Know about Your New House



## OVERVIEW:

*While you may be looking forward to hosting or decorating, it's important to take time to get acquainted with how your new property operates so you aren't caught off guard when problems arise.*

***Print this list to help you get familiar with the key areas of your new home.***

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- *A handy list of ten essential aspects of your new house and how to learn about them*

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*Use this list to help familiarize yourself with the essential aspects of your new home.*

## **WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE**

- Determine its location and how to quickly turn it off.

## **GAS SHUT-OFF VALVE**

- Locate the main gas supply, and verify how to shut it off.

## **ELECTRIC PANEL**

- Label the circuit breakers according to the rooms they are attached to.

## **APPLIANCES**

- Review each appliance's system manual.
- Clean the condenser coils of your refrigerator.
- Clean the filter on your dishwasher.
- Make sure your dryer vent is unobstructed.

## **LIGHT FIXTURES**

- Identify what bulbs your fixtures need, and stock up.

## **SMOKE DETECTORS**

- Place an alarm inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on each level of your home.
- Make sure kitchen alarms are at least ten feet from a cooking appliance.
- Check expiration dates, and test to confirm all alarms are working.

## **FIREPLACE**

- Have your chimney inspected if it's been over a year since the previous owners did so.
- Learn how to open and close the flue.

## **ATTIC ACCESS**

- Locate the entrance, and inspect the insulation, ventilation, and structure.

## **BURIED POWER LINES**

- Contact your utility company to find out if there are lines buried and where.

## **PROPERTY LINE**

- Obtain a copy of your lot plat from the local zoning department.

