

15 Essential Tips For New Homeowners



Deep Clean

Take some time to check all the rooms and deep clean areas before moving everything into your new house.



Painting

Look around to see what rooms you'd like to paint. It makes life easier if you can paint interior rooms before moving in.



House Locks

Always remember to change the exterior locks on the house. This will make all prior house keys obsolete.



Energy Audit

Performing a home energy audit is a great idea to see what utility costs will be. It can also alert you to needed improvements.



Neighbors

Spend some time introducing yourself and getting to know your neighbors. A good neighbor is a welcome blessing!



Handyman

Being in a new city or part of town will require you to research who the best local handymen are.



Manuals & Warranties

Keep track and organize all of your manuals and warranties, especially for appliances, in one location for easy access.



Taxes

Be prepared to pay property taxes next tax season. These may differ from your last home. Don't hesitate to ask for help!



Plant Trees

Look around your yard and see what locations could use a shade tree. These can lower your utility bills and beautify your home.



Renovations

It's important to remember to pace yourself on renovation projects. Don't get overwhelmed by too many at once!



Air Filters

Check and replace your air filters regularly. New filters can lower utility bills and keep airborne allergens out of your home.



Emergency Fund

Always remember to set aside savings for an emergency fund. Unexpected problems or repairs can cripple those who don't save.



Insurance

Choose a homeowners insurance provider and policy that fits your needs. Work with an agent you can trust.



Tax Benefits

With a little research, you could be eligible for tax benefits in your new home. Let McKnight Title or your agent help you!



ROI Improvements

When moving into a new home, focus your first improvements on those that offer the greatest impact and return on investment.