

Home inventory checklist, room by room

Home inventory

Address Date

Four things worth knowing first

Photograph the thing, not the room

A wide shot of a living room proves a living room existed. A photograph of the television, close enough to read the badge, proves the television did.

The serial number is usually on a plate

Back or underside for televisions and monitors; underneath for laptops; inside the door for refrigerators and washing machines; on the motor housing for power tools; stamped under the bottom bracket for bicycles.

Write down what you paid, not what you think it is worth now

The figure you can support is the one you have a receipt or a bank line for. Guesses are still worth writing down — mark them as guesses.

Do it in passes

One room an evening is a week for a house. Trying to do all of it at once is how these lists end up half finished in a drawer.

Living room

- Television and whatever it is mounted on
 - Sofa, armchairs, coffee table
 - Pictures, prints and anything framed
- Sound system, speakers, games console
 - Rugs, curtains and blinds
 - Lamps and light fittings you paid for

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Kitchen

- Refrigerator, cooker, oven, extractor
- Dishwasher, washing machine, dryer

- Microwave, kettle, toaster, coffee machine, mixer

• Dinner service, glassware, cutlery
- Pans, knives and anything bought as a set

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Dining room

- Table and chairs

• China, crystal, silver
- Sideboard, dresser, cabinets

• Light fitting over the table

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Bedrooms

- Bed, mattress, wardrobe, chest of drawers

• Clothing by category, and coats separately

• Televisions and anything else plugged in
- Jewellery and watches — item by item, not "jewellery"

• Shoes, handbags, luggage

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Home office or study

- › Computers, monitors, printer, network kit

› Cameras, lenses, microphones, instruments
- Desk, chair, shelving, filing

• Books, if there are enough of them to matter

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Bathroom and utility

- › Cabinets, mirrors, heated rails

› Scales, air purifiers, dehumidifiers
- Electric toothbrushes, shavers, hair tools

• Towels and linen as a set

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Garage, shed and outbuildings

- › Bicycles — make, model and frame number
- › Lawnmower, trimmer, pressure washer, ladders
- › Spare tyres, roof boxes, car kit
- Power tools and hand tools
- Sports and camping equipment

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Loft, basement and storage

- › Suitcases and trunks
- › Furniture kept in reserve
- › Hobby and craft equipment
- Seasonal decorations
- Photograph albums, archives, keepsakes

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When the sheet is full

A filled-in checklist is already worth more than nothing, and it is enough on its own — keep it somewhere that is not the house it describes.

What it cannot do is carry the photographs and the receipts, and those are the parts that turn a list into evidence. That is the job Roomkeep does: the same walk through the house, with a camera, ending in a printable report that keeps the pictures and the paperwork attached to the things they belong to.