

17 Things You'll Need the First Week in Your New Home

The thoughtful, slightly random, surprisingly essential list.

The first week in a new home has a funny way of exposing every little thing you forgot to buy. This guide covers the practical upgrades, fresh-start traditions, and oddly specific essentials that make a new house feel clean, comfortable, and truly yours.



Fresh-start traditions that actually make sense

1 A brand-new broom

Old wives' tale says don't bring your old broom into a new house. Leave the old dirt and old energy behind. Start this home with a fresh sweep and a fresh start.



Amazon idea: angle broom + dustpan set

[Shop the natural wood broom + dustpan set](#)

[Alternate broom + dustpan set](#)

2 A rolling pin

Tradition says the first thing to place in your kitchen is a rolling pin, so there will always be someone there to cook and your kitchen will always be filled with warmth, food, and family.



Amazon idea: classic wooden rolling pin

[Shop the classic wooden rolling pin](#)

3 New toilet seats

They're inexpensive, easy to swap, and one of the quickest ways to make a bathroom feel clean and truly yours.



Amazon idea: soft-close toilet seat

The practical upgrades no one remembers

4 The right dryer cord or adapter

Before you panic and price a new dryer, make sure the plug matches the outlet. The right cord or adapter is much cheaper than buying a whole new appliance.



Amazon idea: 3-prong or 4-prong dryer cord

5 A new refrigerator water filter

If the refrigerator came with the house, you probably have no idea when that filter was last changed. Give the water and ice a clean start.



Amazon idea: compatible refrigerator filter

6 A garden hose

Most people forget this one until they need to rinse something, water plants, wash the porch, or fill a kiddie pool. Chances are the old hose stayed behind at the old house.



Amazon idea: expandable garden hose

Fresh, clean, and ready to live in

7 Fresh shower curtain liners

Even if you keep the pretty outer curtain, replace the liner. It's a simple, affordable fresh-start purchase that makes a bathroom feel cleaner right away.

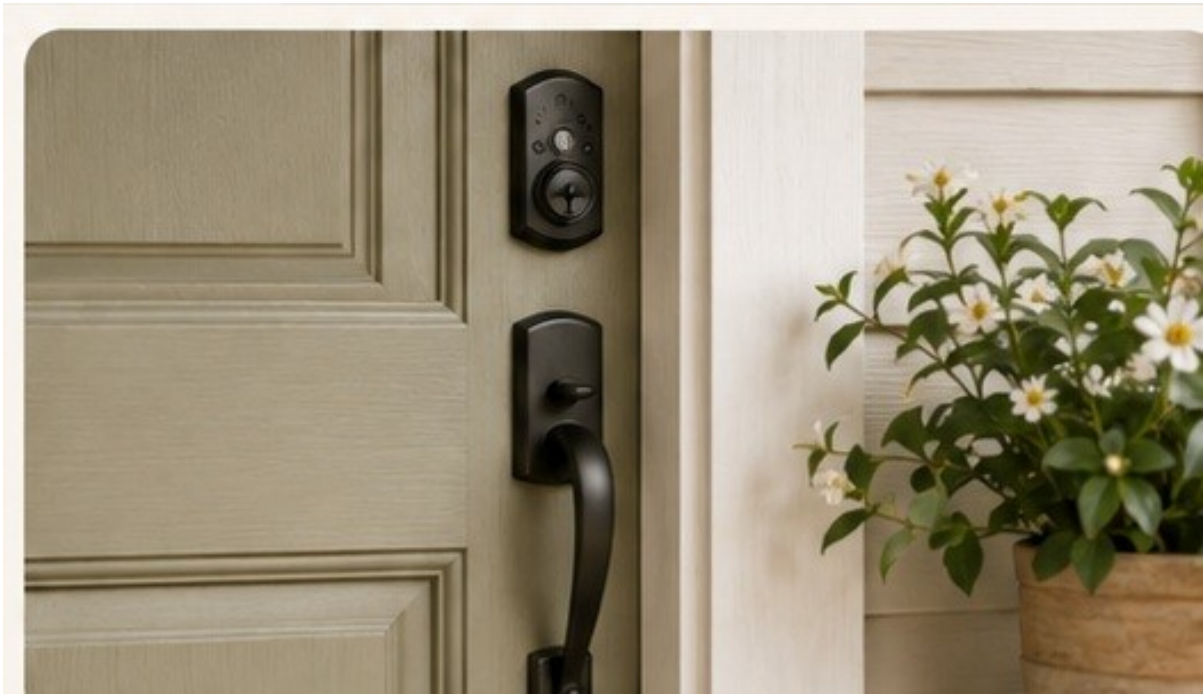


Amazon idea: mildew-resistant shower curtain liner

[Shop the shower curtain liner](#)

8 New door locks or a rekey

You got the seller's keys, but you didn't get a list of every spare key that ever existed. Changing or rekeying the locks gives you peace of mind from day one.

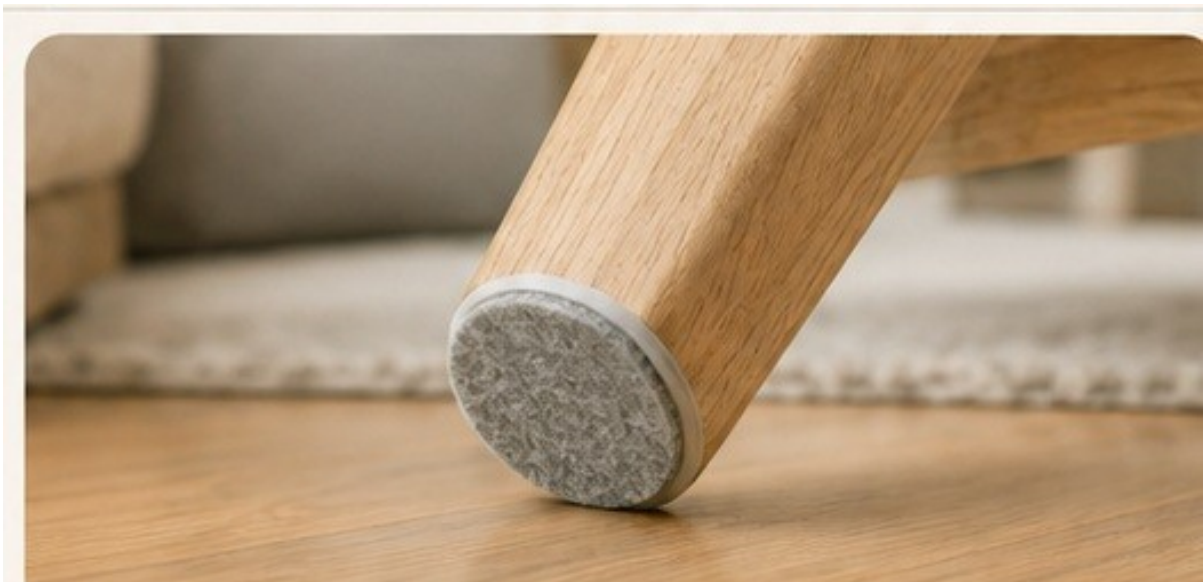


Amazon idea: front door lock set

[Shop the front-door lock + handle set](#)

9 Furniture felt pads / feet covers

If you're moving from carpet to hardwood or LVP, protect those floors before the first scrape happens. This tiny purchase can save a lot of regret.



Amazon idea: felt furniture pads

[Shop chair-leg floor protectors](#)

[Alternate felt furniture pad set](#)

The little things that make the house work

10 Cleaners that fit your new surfaces

New house, new materials. Granite, quartz, stainless steel, glass cooktops, and hardwood all deserve the right cleaner, not whatever happened to work in your last house.



Amazon idea: granite + stainless cleaning set

11 Trash cans

Nothing is more humbling than realizing your beautiful kitchen has nowhere to put the trash. Not every home comes with a built-in pull-out can.



Amazon idea: kitchen trash can

[Shop the stainless-steel kitchen trash can](#)

12 New toilet brushes

Please throw the old ones away. We are not packing toilet brushes with sentimental value. Start fresh and buy new ones.



Amazon idea: toilet brush set

[Shop the toilet brush + plunger set](#)

Buy these before you have a small emergency

13 A plunger

Buy it before you need it. This is not the errand you want to run in the middle of a bathroom emergency.



Amazon idea: heavy-duty bathroom plunger

[Shop the toilet brush + plunger set](#)

14 A new front door wreath + welcome mat

New house, fresh start. Dressing the front door is one of the quickest ways to make the house feel like yours from day one.



Amazon idea: greenery wreath + coir welcome mat

[Shop the front-door wreath](#)

[Shop the welcome mat](#)

15 A first-night essentials basket

Pack one basket with toilet paper, paper towels, soap, medications, chargers, scissors, snacks, and clean pajamas. No one fully unpacks on night one.



Amazon idea: woven storage basket

The first-week lifesavers

16 A simple tool kit + box cutter

You're going to tighten, measure, open boxes, hang something, and assemble something—probably in the first 24 hours. Keep the basics together and easy to find.



Amazon idea: basic home tool kit

[Shop the home tool kit](#)

17 Command hooks / picture hanging kit

You'll want towels on hooks, keys by the door, and at least one room that feels finished. Easy hanging supplies make a new house feel settled faster.



Amazon idea: Command hooks + hanging kit

One more thing: give yourself a little grace.

No one has ever had every single thing they needed the first week. Homes come together one small purchase, one drawer, and one cozy corner at a time.

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