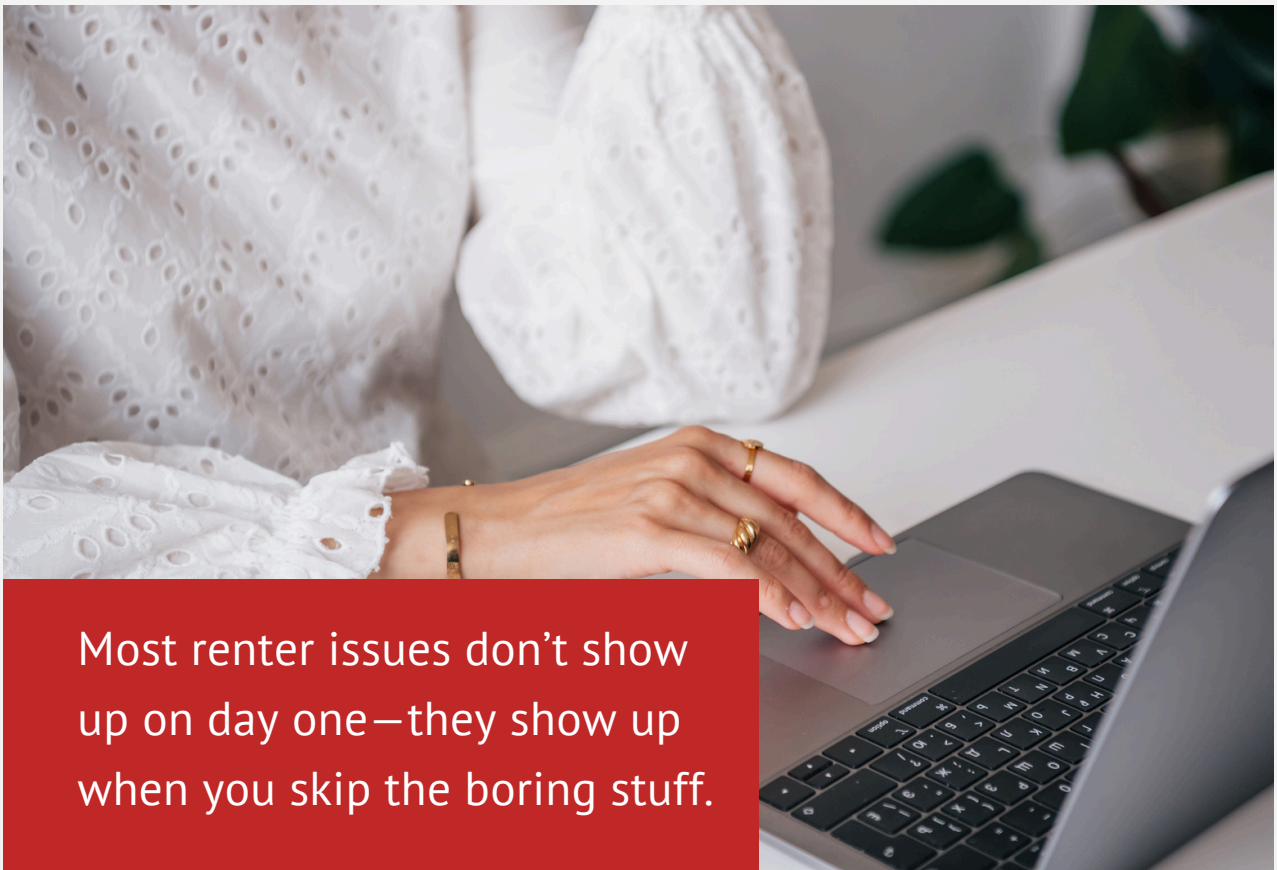


MOVE-IN CHECKLIST FOR RENTERS





INTRODUCTION



Most renter issues don't show up on day one—they show up when you skip the boring stuff.

You've signed the lease, picked a move-in date, and started daydreaming about how you'll set up your new place. But before you start unpacking boxes, there's a checklist of things you need to take care of first.



01

Set Up Hydro and Water Accounts

Unless utilities are included in your rent, you'll need to open accounts in your name before you move-in. First month includes deposits as well.

02

Forward or Update Your Mailing Address

For a small yearly fee, Canada Post can forward your mail to the new address. It can take time to set-up, so set it up 1 week before the move-in date. Personal plans include up to 5 people.

In the meantime, update your address with:

- Your employer
- Banks and credit cards
- Service Ontario (driver's license, health card)
- Subscriptions and delivery services



03

Book the Elevator (If Needed)

If you're moving into a condo or a mid-rise, you may need to reserve the elevator in advance. Most buildings have set hours and only allow one move at a time.

Ask your landlord or property manager:

- What days and hours are moves allowed in the building?
- Do I need to book the elevator, and how far in advance?
- Whom to contact to unlock the elevator?

04

Measure Living Space Before Buying Furniture

Not all layouts work with all furniture. A sofa that fits in the [listing photos](#) might barely squeeze through the front door. Some older Ontario rentals have narrow doors, tight staircases, or oddly shaped corners that can be quite challenging.

If you're ordering furniture online, double-check return policies. Some companies charge return fees or won't take back items that don't fit through your door.



04

Do a Move-In Inspection

After the landlord or property manager's guided inspection, perform an inspection by yourself.

Take photos and short videos of:

- Scratches, dents, or stains on floors, walls, and ceilings
- Any chipped tiles or cracked mirrors in the bathroom
- Loose handles, cupboard doors, or shelves
- Broken blinds, curtain rods, or missing window screens
- Appliance condition, including the inside of the fridge, oven, and washer
- Water pressure, leaks under sinks, or discoloured caulking
- Damaged baseboards or signs of pests near entry points

Save them on a drive or your computer. If any of them need to be fixed, send photos to the landlord or upload them to the rental management's website.



Before You Move-in:



Find out where the closest grocery store, pharmacy, and walk-in clinic are before move-in day.

Little things like that make settling in way easier.