Moving In Together Checklist

Names _____ Move date _____ New address _____

Talk first

- [ ] Why now, and what each of us expects
- [ ] Where we live: yours, mine or somewhere new
- [ ] Rent ceiling we are both comfortable with
- [ ] How we split rent and bills (even or by income)
- [ ] Who does which chores, and how often
- [ ] Sleep, noise, guest and overnight rules
- [ ] Pets: who feeds, walks and pays the vet
- [ ] Time alone and time apart each week
- [ ]

Merging belongings

- [ ] Room-by-room list of what each of us owns
- [ ] Measure rooms, doorways and big furniture
- [ ] Pick the better one of each duplicate
- [ ] Sell or donate the doubles
- [ ] Decide who keeps the bed, sofa and TV
- [ ] Agree on decor for shared rooms
- [ ] One space each that is fully ours
- [ ] Storage plan for sentimental boxes
- [ ]

Lease, money and insurance

- [ ] Both names on the lease
- [ ] Security deposit: who paid what, in writing
- [ ] Notice given to current landlord(s)
- [ ] Current lease end dates lined up
- [ ] Renters insurance with both names listed
- [ ] Shared bills method chosen (app, account or sheet)
- [ ] Who holds each utility account
- [ ] Internet plan and install date booked
- [ ] Rent due date and payment method agreed
- [ ]

Packing and moving day

- [ ] Movers or truck booked
- [ ] Elevator or parking reserved
- [ ] Boxes labeled by room and by owner
- [ ] Essentials box packed per person
- [ ] Photos of meter readings at both places
- [ ] Photo walk-through of the new place
- [ ] Keys and garage openers collected
- [ ] Old place cleaned for deposit return
- [ ] Water, snacks and cash for helpers
- [ ]

Address and accounts

- [ ] USPS change of address, one each
- [ ] Driver's license and vehicle registration
- [ ] Banks and credit cards
- [ ] Employer and payroll
- [ ] Health insurance and doctors
- [ ] Voter registration
- [ ] Phone plan, subscriptions and deliveries
- [ ] Landlord, school and vet records
- [ ]

First 30 days

- [ ] Bed and kitchen unpacked first
- [ ] Chore chart on the fridge
- [ ] Shared calendar set up
- [ ] Weekly 15 minute check-in booked
- [ ] Meal plan and grocery list started
- [ ] Spare keys and smoke alarms checked
- [ ] Emergency contacts swapped
- [ ] Review the bill split at day 30
- [ ]

Write the owner's initials beside every item so nothing belongs to nobody.