

FREE CALGARY ESSENTIALS RESOURCE

Calgary Household Setup Checklist

Organize the home, recurring services and move-in records without losing track.

Before buying or signing. Confirm what is already included in the rent, what the household must arrange, when each payment begins, and how cancellation works.

Before move-in

	Action	My note / status
☐	Read the full lease and keep your own signed copy.	
☐	Confirm the legal landlord/property contact and payment method.	
☐	Record deposit, rent, included utilities and possession date.	
☐	Arrange tenant insurance if required or appropriate.	
☐	Plan electricity, gas, water, internet and waste responsibilities.	
☐	Book moving help or vehicle access with written pricing.	

Move-in record

	Action	My note / status
☐	Complete the required move-in inspection with the landlord.	
☐	Receive a signed copy of the inspection report.	
☐	Photograph existing condition and keep files privately.	
☐	Test smoke/CO alarms and identify exits.	
☐	Record keys, fobs, parking and building rules.	
☐	Save emergency maintenance and after-hours contacts.	

Home essentials

Area	Already have	Need	Budget
Sleeping			
Cooking and food storage			
Bathroom and cleaning			
Laundry			
Lighting and basic tools			
Winter clothing/entryway			
Child or accessibility needs			

Recurring household services

Service	Provider/contact	Start date	Monthly estimate	Included in rent?
Rent				
Electricity/gas/water				
Internet/mobile				
Tenant insurance				
Parking/transit				
Childcare/school costs				
Other				

First-month follow-up

	Action	My note / status
☐	Verify the first bills match the agreed plan.	
☐	Set reminders before payment dates.	
☐	Store receipts, lease and inspection report privately.	
☐	Report maintenance problems through the agreed written route.	
☐	Recalculate the household budget after actual bills arrive.	

Official sources and current instructions

Use these official pages for eligibility, required documents, fees, forms and current procedures. Calgary Essentials does not replace the issuing authority.

- **Government of Alberta - Starting a tenancy:** <https://www.alberta.ca/starting-a-tenancy>
- **Government of Alberta - During a tenancy:** <https://www.alberta.ca/during-a-tenancy>
- **Government of Alberta - Landlord and tenant forms:**
<https://www.alberta.ca/forms-and-documents>
- **IRCC - Newcomers: renting a home in Canada:**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/settle-canada/housing/renting.html>
- **Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:** <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/>
- **City of Calgary - Garbage, recycling and compost:**
<https://www.calgary.ca/waste.html>

Source review: September 2026. Re-check official instructions before acting.