



Apartment Search Check List

For first time apartment hunters and old hands alike, checking out potential places can be a daunting task. So much stuff to remember! Here's something to make it easier. Use this checklist of things to consider and questions to ask during your apartment hunt.

Name of Landlord:

Address of Apartment:

Phone Number:

Date of Visit:

	YES	NO
• When is the apartment available? _____		
• Is it currently occupied?	☐	☐
• When can I move in? _____		
• What is the monthly rent? _____		
• What deposits are required? _____		
• When is rent due? _____		
• What are the penalties for late payment? _____		
• What are the terms for renewing the lease? _____		
• Number of bedrooms? _____		
• Can I sublet?	☐	☐
• What is the maximum number of people that can occupy this apartment? _____		
• Are any utilities included?	☐	☐
• Can I have a list of utilities companies with contact information?	☐	☐
• Are pets allowed?	☐	☐
• What kind of pets? _____		
• Is there a pet deposit?	☐	☐
• What modifications am I allowed to make? _____ (painting, wallpapering, installing shelves...)		
• Will my furniture fit in the apartment?	☐	☐
• Are there blinds and/or curtains already hung?	☐	☐
• Is there additional or enough storage space?	☐	☐
• Are closets adequate?	☐	☐
• Do closet doors operate smoothly?	☐	☐
• Are kitchen and bathroom cabinets adequate?	☐	☐
• Do drawers and doors open and close easily?	☐	☐
• Are windows and natural light ample?	☐	☐
• Signs of roaches or mice? Look behind and under counters and sinks, dishwashers, inside closets, drawers, and along base boards.	☐	☐
• Does the landlord provide regular exterminating services?	☐	☐
• Are there areas of stains or bubbly paint indicating water seepage?	☐	☐
• Are hallways and stairways cleaned?	☐	☐
• Are washers and dryers available?	☐	☐
• Is there a charge to use them?	☐	☐

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• Are there parking facilities available?	☐	☐
• If so are they assigned?	☐	☐
• Is there trash disposal?	☐	☐
• How does it operate? _____		
• Is it nearby public transportation?	☐	☐
• Supermarkets?	☐	☐
• Pharmacies?	☐	☐
• Are doors equipped with dead-bolt locks?	☐	☐
• Does the door have a peephole?	☐	☐
• Do all windows lock?	☐	☐
• Where are mailboxes located? _____		
• Are they secure?	☐	☐
• Are hallways brightly lit at all times?	☐	☐
• Is temperature even?	☐	☐
• Are there drafts?	☐	☐
• Can you control the temperature level?	☐	☐
• Is there air conditioning?	☐	☐
• What is the average monthly/annual cost of heating and cooling? _____		
• What direction does the apartment face? (North and east exposures may require up to 20% more heat in the winter, south and west may require more energy for cooling.)		
• Are furnished appliances in good working order?	☐	☐
• What is the capacity of the water heater? _____		
• Does it produce sufficient hot water?	☐	☐
• Who is responsible for repairs? _____		
• Is water pressure sufficient? (to test, turn on taps in both kitchen and bath at the same time.)	☐	☐
• Does the water get hot in a reasonable amount of time?	☐	☐
• Does the water run rusty?	☐	☐
• Is there air in the pipes?	☐	☐
• Are the faucets easy to operate?	☐	☐
• Do they drip?	☐	☐
• Do the sinks drain quickly?	☐	☐
• Is there much mildew present?	☐	☐
• Are the toilet tank seals in working order? (Can be checked by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If color shows up in the bowl, the seal is leaking.)	☐	☐
• Are the receptacles grounded?	☐	☐
• Do all outlets work? (Check with a small plug in night light.)	☐	☐
• Are there enough outlets in each room?	☐	☐
• Are there smoke alarms?	☐	☐
• Are they working? (test them)	☐	☐
• Do all sockets work? (Use a light bulb to check)	☐	☐

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• Will the electrical service handle the load based on all your appliances?	☐	☐
• Are there multiple phone lines?	☐	☐
• Is the front door solid? (To deter noise.)	☐	☐
• Do windows and sliding glass doors fit tightly?	☐	☐
• Can you hear your neighbors?	☐	☐
• What about outside noise?	☐	☐
• Are there exhaust fans in the bathrooms?	☐	☐
• Are screens and storm windows in good condition?	☐	☐
• Does your unit have a private entrance?	☐	☐
• How high are the ceilings? _____		