

EIGHT THINGS TO DO AFTER CLOSING

Congratulations! You are officially a homeowner! Now you are packed and ready to move-in, what should your other next steps be? This guide will ensure a smooth transition and that nothing important is left out.

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UTILITIES

Change the utilities into your name. It is best to schedule this before closing with your transfer date being your closing date. You can do it online or in person. You will also want to make cable and internet set-up appointments at this time as well.

CHANGE LOCKS

You should receive every house key at closing. There are no guarantees, however. To be safe, changing the locks before move-in will protect you, your family, and your belongings.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

In FL, your license address must be updated within 30 days of moving. You can do it online: www.flhsmv.gov Or in person. You will also need to update your address on your car registration and insurance.

FORWARD YOUR MAIL

Register your new address with the US Postal Service and sign-up for forwarding mail service. Do this early to ensure you don't miss your home deed. It is mailed to your new address after closing.

APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD

If you plan to live in your house full-time, apply for homestead exemption to save money on your yearly property tax bill. You can apply online or in person. Application Information is on your county web site.

WRITE A REVIEW

Help your real estate agent out by sharing your experience. You can write an online review on any of the home search web sites, social media, or another outlet. You can also give a referral to a friend.

UPDATE ADDRESS

Supply your employer, financial institutions, credit card companies, insurance providers, and any business you frequently make payments to with your updated contact details. Most of this information can be updated online.

SAVE CLOSING DOCUMENTS

After closing, scan your documents into an electronic format to have e-copies of everything. Then find a safe place to store the originals.