

Complete Apartment Inspection Checklist

Exterior:

- Doors are undamaged
- Doors can open and close with ease
- Windows are not cracked or torn
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- Locks all function and have proper keys
- Locks are present on all windows and doors

Interior:

- Check all outlets
- Run all faucets
- Flush all toilets
- Turn all appliances on and off
- Make sure fridge is cold
- Run A/C and heat
- Check filters on the HVAC unit(s)
- Check blinds for damage
- Check floors for scratches and carpet for tears or bald spots
- Test washer and dryer

Safety + security:

- Test the smoke detectors
- Test the carbon monoxide detector
- Make sure the security system is operational

Cleanliness:

- Check bathrooms and kitchen for mold
- Look for cracks in walls or ceiling
- Check ceiling for water damage
- Check for weird smells
- Look for evidence of mice or bugs, but understand that if you're occupying a long-vacant unit, a few bugs here and there are expected

Common areas:

- Check the building laundry room for defunct machines
- If assigned a parking space, make sure you can access it and the pavement is in good shape
- Examine the sidewalk for cracks
- Make sure you can access your mailbox and that your key works in your assigned box
- If your apartment requires entering through a shared front door, make sure your key, fob, or keycard works for that door.