Phase 5 — Settling Into Your New Home

Welcome home — set up your space with intention, room by room.

■ First Walk-Through Before Unloading

- ■ Inspect all rooms for damage or issues; document with photos
- ■ Confirm utilities are active: water, electric, gas, internet
- ■ Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms
- ■ Locate circuit breaker panel and main water shutoff valve

■■ Living Room — Unpack & Set Up

- ■ Decide furniture placement before setting down heavy pieces
- ■ Assemble shelving and entertainment center first
- ■ Unbox and connect electronics
- ■ Lay rugs, then arrange furniture on top

■ Kitchen — Unpack & Set Up

- ■ Line shelves and drawers before unpacking
- ■ Unpack by zone: cooking / baking / pantry / dining
- ■ Set up small appliances — coffee maker is priority ■
- ■ Stock fridge with essentials from first grocery run

■■ Bedrooms — Unpack & Set Up

- ■ Assemble all bed frames — priority #1 so everyone can rest
- ■ Make beds immediately after frames are up
- ■ Hang clothes in closets; organize by category
- ■ Set up kids’ rooms with familiar items for comfort and calm

■ Bathrooms — Unpack & Set Up

- ■ Hang shower curtain and set up towel bars
- ■ Stock toilet paper, soap, and towels immediately
- ■ Organize under-sink storage and medicine cabinet

■■ Home Office — Unpack & Set Up

- ■ Set up desk and chair in planned position
- ■ Connect computer, monitor, and peripherals
- ■ Organize files and supplies in labeled zones

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■ Outdoor / Patio — Unpack & Set Up

- ■ Arrange outdoor furniture in desired layout
- ■ Unpack garden tools to garage or shed
- ■ Water plants that made the move — they need TLC

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