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Home Inventory Edition



How To Create A Home Inventory

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Making a home inventory is a lot easier than you think!

If the thought of recording exactly how many DVDs and pairs of shoes you own makes you want to throw in the towel before you've even picked up the camera, don't despair.

This step-by-step guide takes the guesswork out of creating your inventory.

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What is a home inventory?



A home inventory is simply a list of your personal possessions — everything from tennis shoes to TVs.

Having a visual record of your belongings makes it easy to figure replacement values — now or sometime in the future.

Why have a home inventory?

Protection and peace of mind.

A home inventory is an easy way to keep track of what you own so you can protect your possessions and your investments in your home. It can be difficult to recall what was lost after the trauma of a fire or burglary, and if you ever need to file a claim, you'll have easy access to important information that will help substantiate the loss. When your possessions are logged into Collectify, you are immediately protected even if you don't yet know the replacement value of the items.

I don't own my home, should I still have an inventory?

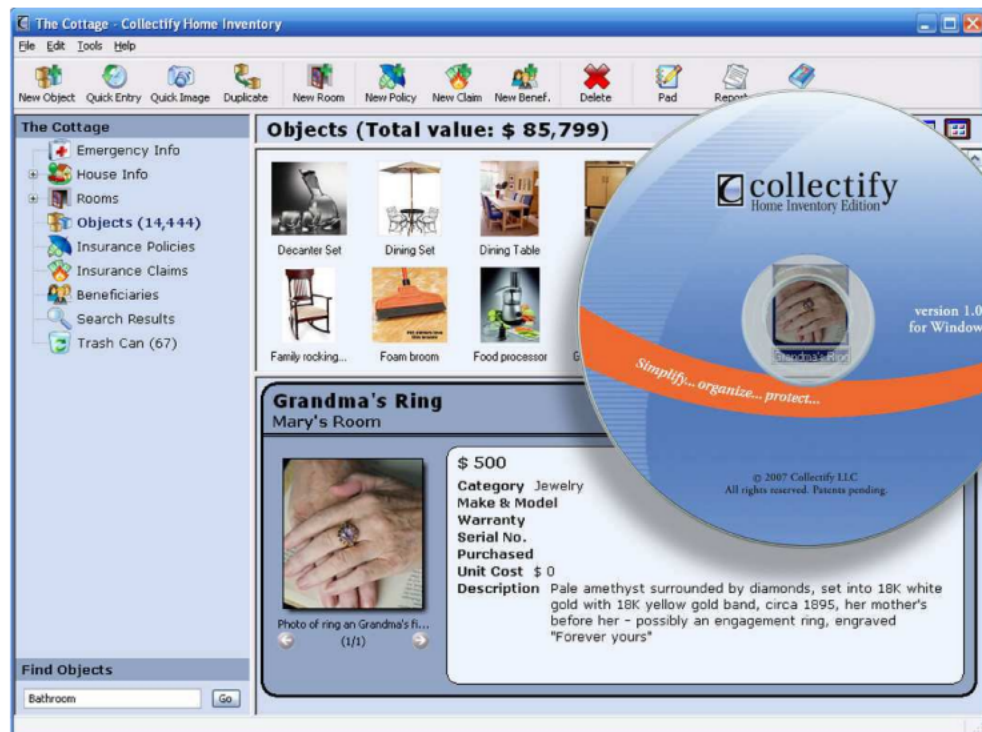
Absolutely! If you are a renter or a student living in a dorm, your household possessions are still valuable to you. Maintaining a home inventory helps you know what you own, where you put it, and — if you should ever suffer a theft or loss — the recorded information will be instrumental in helping determine what the replacement value is.

What if I don't own a digital camera?

No problem. Use the camera you already own or purchase a disposable camera (you can also purchase a disposable digital camera for as low as \$10). When you get the photos developed, ask for a CD of the photos — that way they are ready to be uploaded into Collectify Home Inventory (CHI).

How difficult is Collectify Home Inventory (CHI)?

It is not difficult at all! Collectify has taken care of the technical part by developing a super-simple software and the process is broken down into [three easy steps!](#) Creating your home inventory has never been easier.



I want to get started, how do I prepare?

There are three simple things you can do to get started:

1. **Schedule** time in your calendar. Block off 20 minutes at least once a week to get started.
2. **Gather** a home inventory "Tool Kit." Grab a canvas tote bag or basket and add the items listed on the right.
3. **Install** Collectify Home Inventory (CHI) software onto your computer. Once it's installed, give your home inventory a name (such as "Jamie's Inventory"), enter an optional password, type in the name of the owner of the inventory, and choose your currency.

Finally, add any of these rooms or areas that apply to you and your home:



Antiques/Heirlooms • Attic/Basement • Automobiles/Boats • Bathroom
Bedroom • Collectibles • Crafting/Hobby • Dining Room
Entryway/Mudroom • Family Room • Garage/Shed • Home (exterior)
Home Office • Kitchen • Laundry Room • Living Room • Master Bathroom
Master Bedroom • Nursery • Off Site Storage • Pets • Play Room

Start Your Own Inventory Now!

“Simplify ... Organize ... Protect”

Follow these three simple steps for success.

You do not have to inventory everything you own down to the last paperclip. The following will offer tips on what to focus on and where you can gloss over some things.



Creating your inventory has never been simpler. Work in small blocks of time; apply all three steps to a single room before moving on to the next room.

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1. Simplify – Snap the Shots

Set your kitchen timer for 20 minutes and work in twenty-minute blocks of time to get the job done. This is not an “all-or-nothing” task! Even inventorying just one room is better than none. You do not have to do this all today — work in small blocks of time until it is done. Once time is up, simply leave yourself a sticky note so you know where you left off.



In your notebook . . . as you shoot the photo, jot down info about how much you paid for the item, when you bought it, and any identifying or unique features. If it is a group photo, note quantities — like ten pairs of shoes or twenty-five DVDs.



Set aside a 20-minute block of time and get to work.

Work on one room at a time, starting with a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size, and contents.



Take a shot of each wall, then one of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings, and follow that with a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.



Go wall-by-wall, snapping shots left-to-right, top-to-bottom to ensure you don't miss a thing. Be sure to get close-up shots of serial numbers and manufacturer's tags, especially identifying brands and styles for items like couches and mattresses.



Whenever possible, opt for group shots like spines of the books as they sit on the bookshelf or group shots of all your shoes instead of every shoe individually. The rule of thumb is that anything under \$50 should be grouped in a shot. A bunch of inexpensive handbags can go together, while the vintage name brand gets its own portrait shot.

Resist the urge to make this an Oscar worthy production — you are not going to win an award for cinematography.

For documents, simply pick a flat surface with natural light; lay down the document (making sure the lens is parallel to the surface), focus, and snap.

Check the [Inventory Checklists](#) below for room-by-room prompts to see if you missed anything.

2. Organize – Sort the Shots

Upload the photos to your computer and into Collectify.

Make note of any important information. At this time you can also opt to identify a beneficiary as part of your estate planning. But remember this is a first draft and you can return to items later for details such as value or beneficiary notes.



Describe the names of the item in each room, the brand or manufacturer, model number, and price paid. (Don't know the value of an object? Check out Ztail.com – more details [below](#)). Include descriptions such as color, unique markings, etc. This is also the perfect time to include any family stories or history about the item.

Document any backup paperwork, such as receipts. Skim through your paperwork and pull out receipts for the large/expensive purchases. Also add information from the documents section, including credit card information and drivers licenses.

3. Protect – Save the Shots

Now that you have your home inventory compiled on your computer,



you'll want to keep copies in safe locations.

E-mail yourself a copy and send a copy to a trusted friend or family member. Download a copy onto a backup or flash drive. Burn a copy to a CD or DVD and tuck it into a disaster-proof box or safe deposit box.

Update. Be sure to update your inventory packet every four to six months. In the meantime, save receipts for any new items you'll need to add. If you make a major purchase, update your inventory as soon as possible. And remember to delete items you no longer have.

Expert Tips

- Although this is not the time to organize your belongings, as you come across items to donate, toss them in a bag to give to charity.
- Since you'll most likely have to move plugged-in items to get a shot of their serial/model numbers, this is the perfect time to label the cords so you know what belongs to what.
- As you go make notes in your spiral notebook of identifying features, things you remember about the item, and so on. These notes will be keyed into your inventory when you upload the picture.
- This is not the time to do a professional cleaning. However, while you are behind objects it might make sense to dust off the back of items or use the hand-vac to gobble up any dust bunnies.
- If you get to an area that cannot be inventoried at this time — for example, large storage tubs too heavy to move without assistance — leave a sticky note on the item as a reminder the next time you are there.
- Don't know the value of an object? Check out www.Ztail.com. Ztail is the first interactive pricing guide for anything under the sun. Type in a description of any object and Ztail will tell you what it's worth.



How to overcome potential stumbling blocks

Motivation. Getting started is the most difficult part, but you can do this by working in small blocks of time doing a section at a time.

Feeling overwhelmed. The task can seem insurmountable, but it is doable. Be realistic about what you can accomplish and get to work.

Time. You're busy and fitting it in can seem impossible. Use small gaps of time throughout your week. For example, you can get a lot done during the commercial breaks while watching your favorite show. And, if you have a teenager who you can entice to help out, you can delegate parts of the task like taking the photographs and/or uploading them to the computer.

Add a "fun factor." Turn a chore into a memory by making it an experience for the whole family. Share family stories while snapping shots. You might consider using a video camera. Turn it into a production complete with a director and intermission for snacks.

Procrastination. As with any task it can be easy to put it off. Make a deal with yourself that you are going to treat yourself every time you complete a room — a drink from your favorite café may be just the motivation you need.

Panic. As you walk around and see all the stuff you own, you can start to panic about all the stuff you have to do, deal with, clean, move, organize, or store. Just breathe and continue — you have plenty of time to go back and deal with areas you want to work on further.

Photographs. It can be easy to go from room to room snapping shots — that's the easy part. Do not get carried away, however. Take the photos of one room and upload them.

Not tech savvy? No problem, CHI is intuitive. The large icons show you exactly what to do. If you can type, you can master this.

Items of low value. It can be tempting to skip inventorying low-cost items. After all, how difficult would it be to replace a ten-dollar item out of your own pocket? But if you add up those seemingly inexpensive and insignificant items, they could quickly total a few hundred dollars to replace.

Sidetracked. It's possible to get off track, especially if you're taking photos and a show comes on television that catches your eye or you come across something you need to do like go through the pile of mail. Avoid all temptation to stray until the timer goes off.

Cleaning and purging. Since you are there anyway, it can be tempting to start a thorough cleaning or to start organizing your stuff. Don't. Your job is to inventory — simply make a note of what you want to clean or organize and return to it at another time.

Interruptions. The phone rings, a family member needs help . . . who knows what else can come up. If you have to stop what you are doing, keep the timer going so you can get right back to it.

Reminders. You are bound to come across reminders of things you've been meaning to do. Do not stop to do them now — instead, simply make a note on a to-do list and stay on track.

Perfectionism. Avoid the temptation do everything perfectly or get everything done the first go around. Think of this as a “first draft” of your inventory — you can always go back and add more information, but only if you get the basic information entered first.

INVENTORY CHECKLISTS

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Living Room

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioner (window) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques, paintings and artwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Knickknacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baskets | <input type="checkbox"/> Lamps (hanging, floor, light fixtures) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars | <input type="checkbox"/> Light fixtures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board games | <input type="checkbox"/> Linoleum/tiles/marble flooring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookcases (not fastened to walls) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookshelf spines | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instruments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Built-in bookshelves | <input type="checkbox"/> Organ/piano and bench |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Built-in mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other furniture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph albums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cassette tapes, compact discs, | <input type="checkbox"/> Pictures, prints, wall hangings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling fans | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants/flower arrangements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable heaters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Radios/receivers/equalizers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Rugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee tables | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke alarms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers surround sound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compact disc player, CDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Stereo, turntable, speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couch tags | <input type="checkbox"/> Table lamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couches, sofas, sectionals | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephones, answering machine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curtains, drapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Television |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desk and contents | <input type="checkbox"/> TIVO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DVD/VCR player | <input type="checkbox"/> Vases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DVDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Videotapes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> End tables | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment center | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood burning stove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace tools, screen, grate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Footstools | |

Family Room

- Exercise equipment (treadmill, exercise bike, rowing machine etc.)
- Gaming systems
- Lamps
- Musical instruments
- Photo albums
- Piano/organ
- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Aerobic steps, leg weights
- Aquarium
- Board games, cards
- Darts
- Electric trains
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- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Pillows
- Ping-pong/pool table
- Plants, planters/flower arrangements
- Poker table
- Rugs
- Sheet music
- Stereo equipment (CD player, cassette)
- Tables
- Telephone
- Television, VCR
- Vases
- Video camera, videotapes
- Video games

Nursery

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Baby swing
- Bed (bassinet or crib)
- Blankets
- Bookcases (not attached to wall)
- Books
- Car seat
- Chairs/rocking chair
- Changing table
- Chest of drawers, dressers
- Clock
- Clothing
- Curtains or drapes
- Humidifier
- Infant carrier/baby seat
- Lamps
- Linens
- Mattress, box springs
- Mirrors (not fastened to walls)
- Mobiles
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Playpen
- Rocking chair
- Rocking horse
- Rugs
- Stroller
- Tables
- Toy chest
- Toys
- Walker/exerciser

Kitchen

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Air conditioner (window)
- Baby high chair
- Baking supplies cookie cutters, rolling pins, measuring cups
- Blender
- Butcher block/baker's rack
- Cabinets (not fastened to walls)
- Canisters, cookie jar, oil bottles
- Chairs
- Clock
- Coffeemaker/grinder
- Cookbooks
- Cutlery, flatware
- Cutting boards
- Dishes
- Dishes
- Dishwasher
- Dishwasher
- Electrical appliances (toaster, Freezer
- Frying pan, waffle iron, hand mixer,
- Garbage disposal
- Grilling tools
- Ice cream maker
- Junk drawer
- Kitchen utensils (rubber spatulas)
- Knives/knife holder
- Microwave oven
- Napkin holders
- Oven/cook top
- Pantry
- Pasta machine
- Picnic baskets
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Pots, pans
- Pots, pans, cookware
- Radio
- Refrigerator
- Refrigerator
- Rugs or carpet
- Serving bowls/platters/pitchers
- Silverware, dishes
- Spice rack
- Spoons & cups, Tupperware, etc.
- Staple foods
- Stemware
- Table linens, placemats, napkins,
- Tables
- Tea kettle
- Telephone
- Television
- Toaster
- Toaster oven
- Towels
- Trash compactor
- Vases
- Wine rack

Entryway/Mudroom

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Cell phone
- Digital camera
- Gloves, scarves
- Hall closet
- Handkerchiefs
- Hats
- iPod/MP3 Player
- Jackets, blazers
- Overcoats, raincoats, windbreakers
- Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Umbrellas
- Video camera

Laundry Room

- Broom, mop, bucket, dustpan
- Cabinets (not attached to walls)
- Dryer
- Dryer
- Folding table
- Freezer
- Iron and ironing board
- Laundry baskets
- Refrigerator
- Rugs or carpet
- Sewing machine
- Vacuum cleaner, cleaning equipment
- Washer
- Washing machine
- Water heater
- Water softener

Play Room

- Board games
- Books
- Games
- Piggybank
- Stuffed animals
- Toys

Attic/Basement

- Antiques
- Artwork
- China
- Heirlooms
- Holiday decorations
- Out of season clothing
- Paintings
- Silverware

Dining Room

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Air conditioner (window)
- Buffet
- Candlestick holders/candelabra
- Chairs and dining chairs
- China
- China cabinet/hutch
- Clocks
- Coffee set
- Crystal
- Curtains and/or drapes
- Decanters
- Dining table
- Dishes
- Electric appliances
- Flatware
- Glassware
- Holders
- Knickknacks
- Knives
- Lamps (floor or hanging)
- Mirrors (portable)
- Napkin holders
- Other furniture
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Plants/flower arrangements
- Punch bowl set
- Rugs
- Serving pieces
- Silver chest
- Silver flatware
- Stainless steel flatware
- Table linens, placemats, napkins
- Tables
- Tea set
- Telephones
- Trays
- Vases
- Wine glasses
- Wines, liquors

Home Office

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Adding machine/calculator
- Air conditioner (window)
- Awards/diplomas
- Bookcases (not fastened to walls)
- Books
- Chairs
- Compact disks, blank disks
- Computer hardware
- Computer printer, printer supplies,
- Computer scanner printer software
- Computer software
- Computer software, games
- Computer, monitor, keyboard,
- Desk, accessories
- FAX machine
- Filing cabinets
- Hard drive backup
- Knickknacks
- Lamps
- Laptop computer, printer
- Modem
- Paper, stand
- Photocopier
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Radio
- Rugs
- Tables
- Tape recorder
- Telephone
- Typewriter
- Wastebasket

Paperwork

- Advance directive
- Automobile insurance card(s) and policy(s)
- Bank account numbers
- Car registration(s) and title(s)
- Cemetery plot deeds
- Certificates of birth or death
- Copy of driver's license
- Deeds
- Health Care Durable Powers of Attorney
- Homeowner's policy
- Household Inventory
- Insurance cards and policies
- Investment records
- Legal papers (such as divorce decrees and property settlement papers)
- Life insurance policy
- Mailing list of family and friends
- Marriage licenses
- Medical history
- Military records
- Papers or records that prove ownership (such as real estate deeds, automobile titles, and stock and bond certificates)
- Pin numbers
- Residency letter
- Social security cards
- Tax records
- Will/living will

Master Bedroom

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Active wear (sweats, swimsuits, etc.)
- Air conditioner (window)
- Bed frames
- Bedspreads, blankets
- Belts/suspenders
- Bookcases (not fastened to walls)
- Books
- Bracelets/anklets
- CD player
- CDs
- Ceiling fan
- Chairs
- Chaise lounge/ love seat
- Charms
- Chest of drawers, dressers
- Clocks
- Clothes hamper
- Clothing
- Curtains or drapes
- Desk
- Dressing screens
- Earrings
- Hope chest
- Humidifier
- Jewelry
- Knickknacks
- Lamps
- Mattresses, box springs
- Mirrors (not fixed to walls)
- Necklaces/chains
- Nightstands, tables
- Pajamas, robes
- Pants, slacks, jeans
- Pendants
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Pillows, quilts
- Pins
- Plants/flowers
- Radio
- Rings
- Rocking chair
- Rugs
- Sheets, pillowcases
- Shirts/dress shirts/casual shirts
- Shoes/boots
- Shorts
- Socks
- Stereo
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Telephone
- Television, VCR, videotapes
- Ties/tie tacks/cuff links
- Underwear
- Vanity table
- Vases
- Watches

Bedroom(s)

- Take a wide-angle photo from the entryway into the room to give a feel of the room set up, size and contents.
- Take a shot of each wall.
- Take a shot of the floor to show hardwood floors or floor coverings.
- Take a shot of the ceiling to show light fixtures and any specialty moldings.
- Accessories
- Active wear (aerobic outfits, swimsuits)
- Air conditioner (window)
- Bed frames
- Bedspreads, blankets
- Belts
- Bookcases (not fastened to walls)
- Books
- Chairs
- Chest of drawers, dressers
- Clocks
- Clothes hamper
- Clothing (group shots)
- Curtains or drapes
- Desk
- Dresses
- Dressing screens
- Hats
- Hope chest
- Hosiery, pantyhose, tights, socks
- Humidifier
- Jackets, blazers
- Jewelry
- Knickknacks
- Lamps
- Mattresses, box springs
- Mirrors (not fastened to walls)
- Mittens, gloves
- Nightstands, tables
- Overcoats, raincoats, windbreakers
- Pajamas/robes
- Pants, slacks, jeans, shorts
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Pillows, quilts
- Plants/flowers
- Radio
- Rugs
- Scarves
- Sewing machine
- Sheets, pillowcases
- Shirts/blouses
- Shoes, boots
- Skirts
- Stereo, CD player, CDs
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Telephone
- Television, VCR, videotapes
- Umbrellas
- Underwear, lingerie

Master Bathroom

- Baskets, wicker
- Cabinets (not fastened to walls)
- Chairs
- Clothes hamper
- Contact lenses
- Cosmetics, toilet accessories
- Curling iron
- Curtains
- Electrical appliances (hair dryer, razor)
- Eyeglasses
- First aid kit
- Hearing aids
- Heating pad
- Iron and ironing board
- Knickknacks
- Linen closet
- Makeup
- Medicines (prescription and nonprescription)
- Mirrors (portable)
- Pictures, prints, wall hangings
- Plants/flowers
- Radio
- Rugs, bath mats
- Scales
- Shelves (not attached)
- Shower curtain
- Showerhead
- Soap dispensers, etc.
- Television
- Towels, sheets
- Vitamins/Supplements
- Wastebasket

Bathroom(s)

- Baskets, wicker
- Cabinets (not fastened to walls)
- Clothes hamper
- Cosmetics
- Curtains
- Electric appliances (hairdryer, etc.)
- First aid kit
- Fixtures
- Floor coverings
- Heating pad
- Makeup drawer
- Medicines (prescription and nonprescription)
- Mirror
- Mirrors (not fastened to walls)
- Radio
- Rugs
- Shower curtain
- Sink
- Television
- Towels
- Tub, shower, toilet

Garage/Shed

- Auto equipment
- Auto tools
- Backpacks
- Basketball equipment
- Benches
- Bicycles/tricycles
- Bowling equipment
- Cabinets
- Camping equipment (tent, sleeping bags)
- Canned goods/overstock paper goods
- Drills
- Electric tools
- Equipment
- Fishing tackle
- Football, soccer equipment
- Freezer (and contents)
- Furnace, heating, central air-conditioning
- Garden equipment (lawn mower, wheelbarrow)
- Garden tools
- Glider, gym or swing set
- Golf clubs and accessories
- Grass seed, fertilizer, bird feed
- Grill (gas/charcoal), equipment
- Holiday decorations
- Hoses/sprinklers
- Hot tub
- Ladders
- Lawn decorations
- Lawn furniture
- Lawn games (croquet, horseshoes)
- Lawn mowers
- Luggage
- Musical instruments
- Open toolboxes
- Other hobby supplies
- Paint, glue, etc.
- Patio furniture
- Ping pong and pool table
- Planters
- Rakes, hoes, shovels, tiller
- Skates
- Skis/snowshoes
- Sleds
- Snow blower
- Softball equipment
- Sports equipment
- Tennis, racquetball equipment
- Tools
- Trash cans
- Vases
- Weight-lifting equipment
- Woodworking equipment
- Workbench

Automobile(s)/Boats

- ATV
- Automobiles
- Boat
- DVD's
- GPS
- Motorcycle
- Portable DVD player
- XM or Sirius radio

Home (exterior/structure)

- BBQ
- Carport/garage
- Clothesline
- Deck/patio
- Doors
- Each side of your home's exterior
- Foundation
- Garbage cans
- Insulation
- Pool
- Porch
- Roof
- Satellite dish
- Storage shed
- Trees or shrubs and unusual landscaping
- Walls
- Water features
- Windows

Pets

- Aquarium
- Bedding
- Pet carrier
- Pet toys

Collectibles

- Baseball cards
- Coins
- Dolls
- Plates
- Records
- Stamps

Crafting/Hobby

- Cameras/accessories
- Crochet, knitting, etc.
- Darkroom equipment
- Equipment
- Fabric
- Pottery wheel
- Scrap booking supplies
- Sewing machine
- Specialty tools
- Yarn

Antiques/Heirlooms

- Furniture
- Glassware
- Knickknacks
- Books
- Other

Family History

- Recipes
- Photos

Off Site Storage

- Storage unit
- Items stored with family/friends

Documents

- Bank account info.
- Credit card info.
- Drivers license
- Emergency contacts
- Land survey
- Physician's contact info.
- Veterinarian's contact info.

Utilities

- A/C heating repair
- Alarm company info.
- Electric & gas company
- Insurance company
- Landscaper
- Mortgage company