## **Household Inventory**

#### A Record of Your Worth

Your homeowners insurance provides coverage for the contents of your home, up to a limit which you have selected with your policy. In the event of a total loss, you would be expected to provide a list of all of your personal property that was damaged, along with its estimated value.

# If a loss occurred today, would you be able to compile such a list? Would you trust yourself to remember every item in your home, and the approximate value of each item?

If you're like most people, it would be very difficult. That's why we have developed this Household Inventory brochure. It's a simple fill-in-the-blank worksheet that takes minutes to complete but could save you hours of frustration if you ever have a loss.

#### **Determining the Value of Your Belongings**

The standard homeowners policy is designed and priced to cover the Actual Cash Value of your Personal Property - that is, the replacement cost less depreciation for age and use or condition. How-ever for extra protection, **you may choose to have Replacement Cost Coverage on Contents added to your policy**.

For an additional low cost, Replacement Cost Coverage provides for the repair or replacement of your personal property - regardless of depreciation.

When entering the "Values" on your inventory, you should use either the Actual Cash Value or Replacement Cost - depending on the coverage provided by your policy.

If unsure whether you have Replacement Cost Coverage, check your policy, or give us a call. If you would like to add this coverage, we ask that you please contact us.

#### The Easy Way to Complete Your Inventory

First, use this form to list the items you own, along with what you consider their value (either Actual Cash Value or Replacement Cost Value, depending on your coverage). By grouping your belongings by the rooms in which they are located, you'll be less likely to overlook something.

Next, total the values for each room and enter the information under the appropriate headings on the inventory form. (Better do it in pencil so it's easy to revise in later years.)

When everything is listed, add up the values to arrive at a "grand total" figure. Then, check your homeowners policy with your insurance agent to make sure your present coverage is adequate to protect you in case of a major loss. If your "grand total" figure is greater than the Coverage limit you currently have on your homeowners policy, you will need to increase your coverage.

#### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Although it's not required, we encourage you to take photos of some of the property you list in your Household Inventory. In particular, photos of higher valued and unusual items, such as antiques, are extremely helpful when it comes to settling a loss. The photos should be identified and stored along with

your completed form. You might also consider videotaping these items and storing the tape with your Household Inventory form!

### When You've Completed Your Inventory

Keep a copy around the house if you'd like, but make sure your original Household Inventory is put in a safe place - either in your safe deposit box, or filed with your insurance agent. (To avoid loss of your inventory, be sure not to store it on your premises.)

Then once a year, recheck it. What new items have been added to the household? How have the cash values changed? How does the protection of your Homeowners policy measure up against inflation? With the help of your insurance agent, make sure your home and its contents are insured-to-value . . . that your coverage is increasing at a rate equal to the rate of inflation, or that you have a Guaranteed Replacement policy.

#### **Completing Your Household Inventory**

- Jot down the items and their value in each room (don't forget the closets and storage areas).
- Itemize the contents of the spaces above.
- Total cash value contained in each room . . . or for each member of the family.
- Enter the figures in the table below and total.

#### VALUE **Household Inventory** Living Room..... This inventory lists the household goods and personal property of: Dining Room Kitchen, Utility Room ..... Name\_\_\_\_\_ Family/Activities Room, Den..... \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Bathrooms ..... \_\_\_\_\_ City Attic, Storage Room, Garage ..... Master Bedroom ..... \_\_\_\_\_ State Bedroom #2.... Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Bedroom #3.... \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Inventory \_\_\_\_\_ Bedroom #4 ..... \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects — Family ..... Revised \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects — Woman ..... \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects — Man..... \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects — Girl(s)..... Personal Effects — Boy(s) ..... TOTAL

#### LIVING ROOM

KITCHEN,	UTILITY	ROOM
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NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Books	
	Rugs, Draperies	
	Musical Instruments	
	Television	
	Paintings, Pictures, Art Objects, Decorative Accessories	
	Furniture, Misc.: Chairs & Sofas, Tables & Lamps, Mirrors & Clocks	
	Air Conditioner (Room)	
	Stereo System	
	VCR, Movies	
	Records, Tapes, Compact Discs	

#### **DINING ROOM**

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Chairs, Tables, Buffet	
	Draperies, Rugs	
	China, Glassware	
	Silverware and Pewter	
	Linens	
	Paintings, Pictures, Art Objects	

#### FAMILY / ACTIVITIES DINING ROOM, DEN

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Piano, Musical Instruments	
	Television	
	Stereo System	
	Records, Tapes, Compact Discs	
	Books	
	Air Conditioner (Room)	
	VCR, Movies	
	Telephone, Answering Machine	
	Computer, Software	
	Sewing Machine	

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Chairs, Tables, Stools	
	Draperies, Rugs	
	Dishes, Glassware	
	Refrigerator	
	Range (Not built in)	
	Dishwasher (Not built in)	
	Washing Machine	
	Dryer	
	Microwave Oven	
	Electrical Appliances (Vacuum, Coffeemaker, Food Processor, etc.)	
	Kitchen Equipment (Foodstuffs, Supplies, Cutlery, Utensils, etc.)	
	Telephone, Answering Machine	

#### ATTIC, STORAGE ROOM, GARAGE

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Luggage, Trunks	
	Porch and Garden Furniture	
	Lawnmower, Hand Tools	
	Garden Hose	
	Wheelbarrow	
	Fertilizer, Seeds, Sprays, etc.	
	Christmas Decorations	
	Miscellaneous Articles	
	Snow Blower	
	Sports Equipment - Itemize	

#### BATHROOMS

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Bath Mats, Rugs, Draperies, Shower Curtain	
	Medicine Cabinet Contents	
	Linens and Towels	
	Electrical Appliances (Hair dryers, curling irons, shaver)	

#### **PERSONAL EFFECTS - FAMILY**

#### PERSONAL EFFECTS - GIRL(S)

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Cameras, Films, Projection Equipment	
	Firearms	
	Fishing Equipment (Outboard Motor)	
	Golf Clubs	
	Bicycles	
	Exercise Equipment	

#### **PERSONAL EFFECTS - WOMAN**

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Outerwear (coats, gloves)	
	Clothing	
	Shoes and Slippers	
	Undergarments	
	Nightgowns, Housecoats, Hosiery	
	Jewelry, Watch — Itemize	

#### **PERSONAL EFFECTS - MAN**

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Outerwear (coats, gloves)	
	Clothing	
	Shoes and Socks	
	Pajamas, Robes, and Underwear	
	Jewelry, Watch — Itemize	

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Outerwear (coats, gloves)	
	Clothing and Accessories	
	Shoes and Slippers	
	Undergarments	
	Nightgowns, Housecoats, Hosiery	
	Jewelry, Watch, Miscellaneous	
	Portable CD Player	
	CDs	

#### PERSONAL EFFECTS - BOY(S)

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Outerwear (coats, gloves)	
	Clothing	
	Shoes and Socks	
	Pajamas, Robes, and Underwear	
	Jewelry, Watch, Miscellaneous	
	Portable CD Player	
	CDs	

#### MASTER BEDROOM

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE	NC
	Bedding (Blankets, Comforters, Covers, Pillows, Springs & Mattress)		
	Rugs, Draperies		
	Bed, Chest, Dressing Table		
	Television, Stereo, VCR		
	Tables, Lamps and Chairs		
	Mirrors and Clocks		
	Paintings, Pictures, Art Objects		
	Air Conditioner (Room)		
	Telephone		

#### **BEDROOM NO. 3**

0	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Bedding (Blankets, Comforters, Covers, Pillows, Springs & Mattress)	
	Rugs, Draperies	
	Bed, Chest, Dressing Table	
	Television, Stereo, VCR	
	Tables, Lamps and Chairs	
	Mirrors and Clocks	
	Paintings, Pictures, Art Objects	
	Air Conditioner (Room)	
	Telephone	

**BEDROOM NO. 4** 

#### **BEDROOM NO. 2**

NO	ARTICLE	VALUE	NO	ARTICLE	VALUE
	Bedding (Blankets, Comforters, Covers, Pillows, Springs & Mattress)			Bedding (Blankets, Comforters, Covers, Pillows, Springs & Mattress)	
	Rugs, Draperies			Rugs, Draperies	
	Bed, Chest, Dressing Table			Bed, Chest, Dressing Table	
	Television, Stereo, VCR			Television, Stereo, VCR	
	Tables, Lamps and Chairs			Tables, Lamps and Chairs	
	Mirrors and Clocks			Mirrors and Clocks	
	Paintings, Pictures, Art Objects			Paintings, Pictures, Art Objects	
	Air Conditioner (Room)			Air Conditioner (Room)	
	Telephone			Telephone	

This pamphlet describes policy and Replacement Cost endorsement in general terms. For specific coverage details and terms, refer to the policy/endorsement itself or call your agent.