

NEW HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO SETTING UP UTILITIES

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> Setting up your house utilities is an easily forgotten step of moving into your new home. And leaving it too long can turn the task into a hellish hassle as you scramble on move-in day to get the central air, shower, and fridge up and running.

Step 1: Create a moving utilities checklist

The basic five home utilities include:

1. Heat (Natural Gas, Oil or Electric)
2. Power (electricity)
3. Water and Sewage
4. Waste Collection
5. Cable and Internet

We would recommend that you identify your new utility providers about three weeks before your anticipated move-in day. Service providers are usually listed on your city or county website. Upon reaching the provider's official website, you can confirm if your home resides in the servicing area and then reach out.

Step 2: Contact your existing utility providers

Next, call all your current utility providers and tell them your intended moving day. Be sure to do this in advance to avoid any fees or penalties. If you are closing accounts with your current providers, we recommend you call two weeks ahead of time to schedule the end of service.

Step 3: Contact your new utility providers

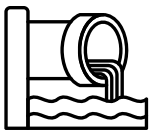
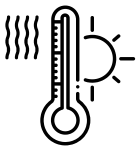
Lastly, call your new utility providers and communicate your intended move-in day. You may want to ask your new providers some questions at this point:

- How long will setup/installation take?
- How much notice do you need to get the utilities up and running on time?
- Do I need to be present during installation or activation?
- Are there activation fees I need to be aware of?
- What can I expect to pay each month?

Plan ahead by at least two weeks and schedule your utilities to be on and in your name the day after you get your keys. This way, everything will be there when you need it, but you'll avoid paying for utilities before your new home is yours.

Utility Notes

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Utility	Provider	Notes
 Water and Sewage		
 Waste Collection		
 Heat		
 Cable, Internet & or Phone		
 Power		

FAQ:

- If you live in a home that has an HOA, you may not be responsible for all utilities.
- In a deregulated market, utilities like gas and electricity come from private companies, meaning there's more market competition. More competition gives you more choices and lower costs.
- In some places, utility companies may provide multiple services. For example, California's primary provider is Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- If you move to a new neighborhood, how your home is heated may change - which could mean a new utility provider. For example, moving from California to Massachusetts would likely require you to find an oil provider.

To find your local utility providers, enter your zip code at www.inmyarea.com/utilities