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Rental Decor & Deposit Checklist

Address _____

Move-in date _____

Landlord OK date _____

Before you change anything MOVE-IN

- [ ] Read the lease for "alterations", "decorating", "nails", "adhesive" and "painting".
- [ ] Photograph every wall, floor, cabinet and fixture in daylight. Email the photos to yourself the same day.
- [ ] Anything that needs permission (paint, drilling, new light fittings): ask in writing and keep the reply.
- [ ] Patch-test any adhesive (wallpaper, hooks, contact paper) somewhere hidden for 48 hours first.

Every swap you make KEEP A RECORD

ITEM CHANGED	WHERE THE ORIGINAL IS	DATE	PUT BACK?

Before you move out MOVE-OUT

- [ ] Put back every original: knobs, shower head, switch plates, light shades, curtain rails.
- [ ] Peel wallpaper slowly at a low angle; warm stubborn spots with a hair dryer on low.
- [ ] Remove strips by stretching the tab straight down along the wall.
- [ ] Fill and touch up only if you have permission and the matching paint.
- [ ] Photograph everything again from the same angles as move-in.