THE RENTER AUDIT · FREE PRINTABLE

Small Apartment Storage Audit

Address _____

Date _____

Room _____

Measure these 8 spots WRITE IT DOWN BEFORE YOU BUY ANYTHING

SPOT	WHAT TO MEASURE	YOURS	WHAT FITS (RULE)
Under the bed	Floor to lowest rail or slat		Box height = gap minus ½ in (1.3 cm)
Gap beside fridge or washer	Width, depth, height		Cart width + 1 in (2.5 cm) total
Each door	Thickness; gap above door when shut		Many hooks fit doors up to about 38 mm (1½ in) thick
Closet	Floor to rod; bottom of shortest clothes to floor		Second rod needs 36 to 40 in (91 to 102 cm) of drop
Tallest free wall	Width and height to ceiling		Tall shelves must be anchored: ask first
End of the bed	Width; walkway left in front		Leave a clear path to the door
Shower or bath corner	Floor (or tub edge) to ceiling		Check the pole's stated height range
Kitchen cabinet shelf	Shelf width, depth, height to next shelf		Insert must be shorter than the gap

Before you buy DEPOSIT AND LEASE CHECKS

- [ ] Read the lease for "alterations", "fixtures", "adhesive" or "nails". Note what needs written permission.
- [ ] Photograph each spot as it is today, with the date showing. Close-ups of floors where furniture will stand.
- [ ] Tall shelf or dresser? Ask your landlord in writing to anchor it to the wall. Keep the reply.
- [ ] Nothing hung on a flat front door or any fire door. Nothing blocking an exit route.
- [ ] Weigh what goes on a door or a cart. Stay under the maker's limit.

Before you move out GET THE DEPOSIT BACK

- [ ] Lift furniture, don't drag it. Check floors under risers and carts for dents or marks.
- [ ] Take down over-door hooks; wipe door tops and frames.
- [ ] Remove any anchors only if your landlord asked you to; fill the holes as agreed.
- [ ] Photograph every spot again from the same angles. UK: use your deposit scheme's free dispute service if needed.