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HOUSEHOLD INVENTORY

Furniture Furnishings Equipment Clothing

A household inventory is an itemized list of the family's possessions and an estimate of their worth. There are many reasons for making such an inventory.

- You will have the satisfaction of knowing the approximate value of things you have in your home.
- The inventory can help you determine how much insurance you wish to carry on household goods and clothing.
- It will furnish a record on which to base insurance claims in the event of an insured loss.
- It will show money value for the making of net worth statements.
- It can be useful in planning for replacements of furnishings and equipment.

Complete the Inventory

Original cost and age. List the cost of each item when purchased new and its age. If the item was a gift, estimate what its value was when given to you. For an item purchased used, list either its cost to you or value of the item. Knowing the age is particularly useful in estimating lifespan of used appliances. For insurance purposes make detailed listings of special items like antiques, art objects, and collections. You may wish to include photographs of these items with the inventory.

Value. This can be considered equal to the replacement cost, or you can estimate the number of years of usefulness remaining and depreciate the item's value over its lifespan.

Store in a Safe Place

A copy of the inventory should be stored where it would not be destroyed in the event of loss of the home. This might be in a safe-deposit box or in the home of a friend or relative. It is often convenient to have a second copy of the inventory to store in the home file. This makes bringing up to date or consulting the inventory easier.

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LIVING ROOM

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
Furniture				TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD			\$
Bookcases	\$		\$	Door chimes	\$		
Chairs				Lamps			
Desk							
Magazine rack							
Room dividers, folding screens				Mirrors			
Shelves, étagère				Planters			
Sofa, studio couch				Scarfs			
				Slip covers			
Stools, hassocks				Wastebasket			
Tables							
				Recreation equipment			
				Fireplace equipment			
				Musical instruments			
Floor coverings				Piano and bench			
Resilient flooring				Radio			
Rugs, carpet				Stereo			
Rug pads				Tape or cassette player			
				Tape or cassette recorder			
Window furnishings				Television			
Cornices, valances				Records			
Venetian blinds, window shades				Books			
Window hardware							
Accessories							
Clocks							
Cushions, pillows							
Decorative accessories							
TOTAL FORWARD				TOTAL LIVING ROOM			

KITCHEN AND UTILITY

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
Furniture, large equipment				TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD			\$
Cabinets	\$		\$	Food-preparation equipment			
Chairs				Bowls	\$		
Dishwasher				Canisters			
Food waste disposer				Can openers			
Freezer				Knives, peelers, scissors			
Oven				Strainers, graters, ricers			
Range							
Refrigerator							
Serving cart							
Sink							
Stool				Baking equipment			
Table				Baking pans, cookie sheets			
Trash-masher				Cake pans, pie pans			
				Casseroles			
				Measuring cups, spoons			
				Roaster			
Electrical equipment (portable)							
Blender							
Coffeemaker				Top-of-stove equipment			
Deep-fat fryer				Coffee pots, teapots			
Fondue pot				Kettles			
Frypan				Saucepans			
Grill				Skillets			
Hot plate, hot tray				Spoons, forks, spatulas			
Mixer							
Pressure pan							
Rotisserie				Serving equipment			
Saucepan				China			
Skillet				Glassware			
Toaster				Silver, metal			
Toaster-oven				Trays			
Waffle baker				Woodenware			
TOTAL FORWARD				TOTAL FORWARD			

KITCHEN AND UTILITY (Continued)

FAMILY ROOM

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD			\$	Furniture			
Window furnishings				Chairs	\$		\$
Cornices, valances	\$						
Curtains, draperies				Desk			
Venetian blinds, window shades				Magazine rack			
Window hardware				Sofa, studio couch			
Canning and freezing equipment				Stools, hassocks			
Blanching kettle and canner				Tables			
Containers				Floor coverings			
Pressure cooker				Resilient flooring			
				Rugs, carpet			
				Rug pads			
Cleaning equipment				Window furnishings			
Brushes, brooms, dust pans				Cornices, valances			
Carpet sweeper				Curtains, draperies			
Electric broom				Venetian blinds, window shades			
Floor washer				Window hardware			
Floor waxer, polisher				Accessories			
Pails, mops				Clock			
Vacuum cleaner				Cushions, pillows			
				Decorative accessories			
Laundry equipment				Lamps			
Clothesbasket, pins, line							
Dryer				Planters			
Iron, ironing board				Slip covers			
Washer				Wastebasket			
				Recreation equipment			
Other				Cameras			
Clock				Fireplace equipment			
Dishpan, drainer				Games			
Floor covering				Projector and screen			
Lamps				Radio			
Towels				Stereo			
Wastebasket, garbage pail				Tape or cassette player			
Water heater				Tape or cassette recorder			
Water softener				Television			
TOTAL KITCHEN AND UTILITY				TOTAL FAMILY ROOM			

DINING ROOM

BEDROOM NO. 1

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
Furniture				Furniture			
Buffet	\$		\$	Bed, frame, headboard	\$		\$
Chairs				Bedsprings			
				Chairs			
China cabinet				Chest			
Serving cart, serving table				Dresser			
Table				Mattress			
				Nightstand			
Floor coverings				Table			
Resilient flooring				Television			
Rugs, carpet							
Rug pad				Floor coverings			
Window furnishings				Resilient flooring			
Cornice, valance				Rugs, carpet			
Curtains, draperies				Rug pads			
Venetian blinds, window shades							
Window hardware				Window furnishings			
Accessories				Cornices, valances			
Clock				Curtains, draperies			
Decorative accessories				Venetian blinds, window shades			
Lamps				Window hardware			
Mirrors							
Tableware				Accessories			
Dinnerware				Clock			
Flatware				Closet accessories			
Glassware				Decorative accessories			
Hollowware							
Luncheon sets				Lamps			
Napkins							
Placemats, runners				Luggage racks, valets			
Scarfs				Mirrors			
Table cloths				Pillows			
Table pads				Radio			
Other				Wastebasket			
TOTAL DINING ROOM				TOTAL BEDROOM NO. 1			

BEDROOM NO. 2

BEDROOM NO. 3

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
Furniture				Furniture			
Bed, frame, headboard	\$		\$	Bed, frame, headboard	\$		\$
Bedsprings				Bedsprings			
Chairs				Chairs			
Chest				Chest			
Dresser				Dresser			
Mattress				Mattress			
Night stand				Night stand			
Table				Table			
Television				Television			
Floor coverings				Floor coverings			
Resilient flooring				Resilient flooring			
Rugs, carpet				Rugs, carpet			
Rug pads				Rug pads			
Window furnishings				Window furnishings			
Cornices, valances				Cornices, valances			
Curtains, draperies				Curtains, draperies			
Venetian blinds, window shades				Venetian blinds, window shades			
Window hardware				Window hardware			
Accessories				Accessories			
Clock				Clock			
Closet accessories				Closet accessories			
Decorative accessories				Decorative accessories			
Lamps				Lamps			
Luggage racks, valets				Luggage racks, valets			
Mirrors				Mirrors			
Pillows				Pillows			
Radio				Radio			
Wastebasket				Wastebasket			
TOTAL BEDROOM NO. 2				TOTAL BEDROOM NO. 3			

BATHROOM NO. 1

BATHROOM NO. 2

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
Equipment				Equipment			
Cabinets	\$		\$	Cabinets	\$		\$
Clothes hamper				Clothes hamper			
Mirror				Mirror			
Scales				Scales			
Wastebasket				Wastebasket			
Floor coverings				Floor coverings			
Resilient flooring				Resilient flooring			
Rug				Rug			
Linens				Linens			
Bath mats				Bath mats			
Shower curtain				Shower curtain			
Towels				Towels			
bath				bath			
guest				guest			
hand				hand			
Washcloths				Washcloths			
Window furnishings				Window furnishings			
Curtains				Curtains			
Venetian blinds, window shades				Venetian blinds, window shades			
Window hardware				Window hardware			
Other				Other			
Electric shavers				Electric shavers			
Electric toothbrushes				Electric toothbrushes			
Heating pad				Heating pad			
Hot water bottles				Hot water bottles			
Sunlamp				Sunlamp			
Vaporizer				Vaporizer			
Water pick				Water pick			
Electric hair drier							
Electric blow comb							
TOTAL BATHROOM NO. 1				TOTAL BATHROOM NO. 2			

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CLOTHING (Women's and Girls')

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CLOTHING (Men's and Boys')

[illegible]

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MISCELLANEOUS

Item	Original cost	Age	Value	Item	Original cost	Age	Value
<i>Children's equipment</i>				TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD			\$
Bathinette	\$		\$	<i>Sewing equipment</i>			
Bed				Cutting table	\$		
Chairs				Machine, attachments			
Crib				Pressing equipment			
Gate (porch, stairs)				Scissors, shears			
Outdoor play equipment							
Playpen				<i>Outdoor and patio equipment</i>			
Play table				Awnings			
Stroller, buggy				Chairs, chaise lounge			
Toys							
				Door mats			
				Pillows			
<i>Luggage</i>				Pool equipment			
Luggage racks				Rugs			
Suitcases				Shades			
Trunks				Sofas			
				Swing, hammock, glider			
<i>Office equipment</i>				Table			
Calculators and adding machines				Umbrella			
Filing cabinet							
Safe				<i>Lawn and garden equipment</i>			
Typewriter				Cultivator			
				Fertilizer spreader			
<i>Recreational equipment</i>				Hand tools			
Barbecue grill							
Beverage cooler, portable icebox				Hedge trimmers			
Bicycles				Hose, sprinkler			
				Lawn mower, edger			
Picnic baskets				Sprayer			
Sleeping bags				Other power tools			
Sports equipment							
				Miscellaneous equipment			
Tents and camping equipment							
Thermos jug							
Wading pools							
TOTAL FORWARD				TOTAL FORWARD			

Item	Original cost	Age	Value	Item	Original cost	Age	Value
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD				Books and manuscripts			
<i>Workshop equipment</i>				Author			
Automotive tools	\$						\$
Carpentry tools							
Drills							
Electronics equipment							
				Phonograph records and tapes			
Hammers, mallets				Artist			
Ladders, stepladders							
Painting equipment							
Rulers, T-squares							
Sanders							
Screwdrivers							
Storage shelves and containers				Works of art			
Workbench				Artist			
Wrenches							
Other hand tools							
Other power tools							
Other				Jewelry			
Air conditioners							
Ashtrays							
Christmas decorations							
Dehumidifier							
Fans: portable				Antiques			
window							
Flower containers							
Folding cots, beds							
Mail box							
Space heaters				Collections			
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS				TOTAL SPECIAL ITEMS			

LINENS

Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value	Item	Original cost	Age (in years)	Value
Bedspreads, coverlets	\$		\$	TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD			\$
				Pillows	\$		
Blankets				Pillowcases			
				Pillow covers			
Comforters				Quilts			
Dresser scarfs							
Electric blankets				Sheets			
Mattress covers							
Mattress pads							
TOTAL FORWARD				TOTAL LINENS			

SUMMARY

(Date of Inventory _____)	Original cost	Value
LIVING ROOM	\$	\$
KITCHEN AND UTILITY		
FAMILY ROOM		
DINING ROOM		
BEDROOM NO. 1		
BEDROOM NO. 2		
BEDROOM NO. 3		
BATHROOM NO. 1		
BATHROOM NO. 2		
CLOTHING		
MISCELLANEOUS		
SPECIAL ITEMS		
LINENS		
TOTAL ALL ROOMS		

Transfer this
total to net
worth statement.

AMENDED INVENTORY

Date _____

		Original Cost	Value
DEPRECIATION for past year		(minus)	\$ _____
(deduct 12½% from present value)			\$ _____
ADD new purchases made this year	\$ _____	(plus)	\$ _____
			\$ _____
SUBTRACT original cost and present value of articles disposed of this year	\$ _____	(minus)	\$ _____
TOTAL as of (date) _____			\$ _____

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