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### EC87-420 Household Inventory

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# HOUSEHOLD INVENTORY

A household inventory is an itemized list of a household's possessions and an estimate of their worth. Making a household inventory will benefit you in several ways:

- The inventory can help you determine how much insurance you need for household goods and personal items.
- It will furnish a record on which to base insurance claims in the event of an insured loss, and information for police reports in case of theft.
- It will show money value of household goods and personal items for net worth statements.
- It can be useful in planning for replacements of household furnishings and equipment, and personal items.

## Complete the Inventory: Category Information

If you want **replacement value insurance** for your belongings, you can choose not to complete the columns labeled "purchase price" and "current value." If you **do not have replacement value insurance** for your personal property, you may choose not to complete the column labeled "replacement cost."

**Item and description:** List each item or, in the case of small items such as kitchen tools or bath linens, the number in a group of items. Include serial numbers where appropriate. Add other descriptive information as you choose.

**Date, location of purchase:** Include at least the year of purchase, and, if possible, location of purchase. Date of purchase will help you identify age of an item.

**Purchase price:** List the cost of each item when new. If purchased used, list cost or estimated value at time of purchase. If item was a gift, estimate its value when received.

**Current value:** List estimated current value. For special items such as antiques or collections, an appraisal is needed.

**Replacement cost:** List cost of purchasing a new item of comparable value.

**Location of item:** For miscellaneous and special items (page 15-18), include the location of each item.

## Supporting Materials for a Household Inventory

Photograph each wall of each room. Open closet doors; put hidden items in plain sight before you snap the picture. Record any changes if you move furniture or other major items from one room to another. Take close-up photographs of small, important items such as jewelry or collections, and identifying marks on antiques.

Obtain appraisals for special items such as jewelry, antiques, collections and art objects.

## Alternative Ways to Do a Household Inventory

An audiotape of the information in this booklet will save you a lot of writing, but may be harder to update than a written household inventory. An audio inventory would definitely need to be supplemented with photographs, or make a videotape of each wall in each room with close-up shots of the items noted above. In making an audio or videotape inventory, this form will help you remember what you have and what information you need to record.

## Storing Your Inventory

A copy of the household inventory should be stored where it will 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. Keep a second copy of the inventory on file at home so you can conveniently consult or update your inventory.

## Update the Inventory

A household inventory and supplemental photographs need to be reviewed at least annually, or whenever major changes such as a significant purchase occur. When updated, all copies of the inventory need to be corrected so they are current.



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Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>Furniture</b>				
Bookcases		\$	\$	\$
Chairs				
Desk				
Magazine rack				
Room dividers, screens				
Shelving, etagere				
Sofa, studio couch				
Stools, hassocks				
Tables				
<b>Floor coverings</b>				
Resilient flooring				
Rugs				
Carpet, pads				
<b>Window furnishings</b>				
Cornices, valances, draperies, curtains				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<b>Accessories</b>				
Clocks				
Cushions, pillows				
Decorative accessories				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF NEXT COLUMN</b>				

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN</b>		\$	\$	\$
Lamps				
Pictures, Wall Hangings				
Mirrors				
Planters				
Wastebasket				
<b>Recreation equipment</b>				
Fireplace equipment				
Musical instruments				
Piano and bench				
Radio				
Stereo				
Tape or cassette player (video and/or audio)				
Tape or cassette recorder (video and/or audio)				
Television				
Records				
Books				
Videotapes				
Audiotapes				
<b>TOTALS LIVING ROOM (transfer to page 19)</b>				



# KITCHEN, LAUNDRY

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<i>Furniture, large equipment</i>				
Cabinets		\$	\$	\$
Chairs				
Clothes Dryer				
Clothes Washer				
Dishwasher				
Food waste disposer				
Freezer				
Microwave Oven				
Oven, separate				
Range				
Refrigerator				
Serving cart				
Sink				
Stool				
Table				
Trash compactor				
Wall oven				
Stove top				
<i>Electrical equipment (portable)</i>				
Bag Maker/Sealer				
Blender				
Broiler				
Coffeemaker				
Electric Can Opener				
Egg Cooker				
Deep-fat fryer				
Electric knife				
Fondue pot				
Frypan				
Electric Food Processor				
Grill				
Hamburger Maker				
Hot Dog Cooker				
Hot plate, hot tray				
Ice Crusher				
Mixer				
Juicer				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF NEXT COLUMN</b>				

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN</b>				
		\$	\$	\$
Pressure pan				
Pizza Maker				
Popcorn popper				
Rotisserie				
Pressure Cooker, Saucepan				
Saucepan				
Skillet				
Slow Cooker				
Toaster				
Toaster-oven				
Waffle baker				
Yogurt maker				
Coffee grinder				
Crepe maker				
Wok				
Meat slicer				
Ice cream maker				
<i>Food-preparation equipment</i>				
Bowls				
Canisters				
Can openers				
Knives, peelers, scissors				
Strainers, graters, ricers				
Mixing bowls				
Sifter				
<i>Baking equipment</i>				
Baking pans, cookie sheets				
Cake pans, pie pans				
Casseroles				
Measuring cups, spoons				
Roaster				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF NEXT PAGE</b>				



# KITCHEN, LAUNDRY (Continued)

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS PAGE</b>		\$	\$	\$
<i>Top-of-stove equipment</i>				
Coffee pots, teapots (non-electric)				
Kettles, Dutch ovens, stockpots				
Saucepans				
Skillets				
Spoons, forks, spatulas				
Gourmet equipment				
<i>Serving equipment</i>				
China, pottery				
Glassware				
Flatware (stainless steel silver plate, silver)				
Trays				
Woodenware				
<i>Window furnishings</i>				
Cornices, valances, curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<i>Food Preservation equipment, accessories</i>				
Blanching kettle				
Canner				
Containers, freezing				
Pressure canner/water bath canner				
Jars				
Dehydrator/Acc.				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF NEXT COLUMN</b>				

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>TOTALS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS COLUMN</b>		\$	\$	\$
<i>Cleaning equipment</i>				
Brushes, brooms, dust pans				
Carpet sweeper				
Electric broom				
Floor washer				
Floor waxer, polisher				
Pails, mops				
Vacuum cleaner				
Central vacuum system				
<i>Laundry equipment</i>				
Clothesbasket, pins, line				
Iron, ironing board				
<i>Other</i>				
Cookbooks				
Clock				
Dishpan, drainer				
Floor covering				
Lamps				
Towels				
Wastebasket, garbage pail				
Water heater				
Water softener				
<b>TOTAL KITCHEN AND UTILITY (transfer to page 19)</b>				



# FAMILY ROOM, DEN

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
<b>Furniture</b>				
Chairs		\$	\$	\$
Shelving, Etagere				
Desk				
Magazine rack				
Sofa, studio couch				
Stools, hassocks				
Tables				
<b>Floor coverings</b>				
Resilient flooring				
Rugs				
Carpet, pads				
<b>Window furnishings</b>				
Cornices, valances, curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<b>Accessories</b>				
Clock				
Cushions, pillows				
Decorative accessories				
Lamps				
Planters				
Wastebasket				
<b>Recreation equipment</b>				
Fireplace equipment				
Games				
Projector and screen				
Radio				
Stereo, components				
Television				
Video cassette recorder				
Video tapes				
<b>TOTAL FAMILY ROOM</b> (transfer to page 19)				

# DINING ROOM

Item, Description	Date location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
<b>Furniture</b>				
Buffet		\$	\$	\$
Chairs				
China cabinet				
Serving cart, serving table				
Table				
<b>Floor coverings</b>				
Resilient flooring				
Rugs				
Carpet, pad				
<b>Window furnishings</b>				
Cornice, valance, curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<b>Accessories</b>				
Clock				
Decorative accessories				
Lamps				
Mirrors				
Pictures, wall hangings				
<b>Tableware</b>				
Coffee, tea, serving set				
Dinnerware				
Flatware				
Glassware				
Holloware				
Luncheon sets				
Napkins				
Placemats, runners				
Scarves				
Table cloths				
Table pads				
Trays				
Woodenware, baskets				
<b>TOTAL DINING ROOM</b> (transfer to page 19)				



# BEDROOM NO. 1

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
<i>Furniture</i>				
Bed, frame, headboard		\$	\$	\$
Bedsprings				
Chairs				
Chest				
Dresser				
Mattress				
Night stand				
Table				
Television				
<i>Floor coverings</i>				
Resilient flooring				
Carpet, pads				
Rug				
<i>Window furnishings</i>				
Cornices, valances, curtains, draperies				
Curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<i>Accessories</i>				
Clock				
Closet accessories				
Decorative accessories				
Lamps				
Telephone				
Luggage racks, valets				
Mirrors				
Pictures, wall hangings				
Pillows				
Radio				
Wastebasket				
<b>TOTAL BEDROOM NO. 1 (transfer to page 19)</b>				

# BEDROOM NO. 2

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
<i>Furniture</i>				
Bed, frame, headboard		\$	\$	\$
Bedsprings				
Chairs				
Chest				
Dresser				
Mattress				
Night stand				
Table				
Television				
<i>Floor coverings</i>				
Resilient flooring				
Rugs, carpet				
Rug pads				
<i>Window furnishings</i>				
Cornices, valances, curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<i>Accessories</i>				
Clock				
Closet accessories				
Decorative accessories				
Lamps				
Telephone				
Luggage racks, valets				
Mirrors				
Pictures, wall hangings				
Pillows				
Radio				
Wastebasket				
Telephone				
<b>TOTAL BEDROOM NO. 2 (transfer to page 19)</b>				



# BEDROOM NO. 3

# BED LINENS

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
<i>Furniture</i>				
Bed, frame, headboard		\$	\$	\$
Bedsprings				
Chairs				
Chest				
Dresser				
Mattress				
Night stand				
Table				
Television				
<i>Floor coverings</i>				
Resilient flooring				
Rugs				
Carpet, pads				
<i>Window furnishings</i>				
Cornices, valances, curtains, draperies				
Curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
<i>Accessories</i>				
Clock				
Closet accessories				
Decorative accessories				
Lamps				
Luggage racks, valets				
Mirrors				
Pictures, wall hangings				
Pillows				
Radio				
Wastebasket				
Telephone				
TOTAL BEDROOM NO. 3 (transfer to page 19)				

Item, Description	Date location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
<i>Bedspreads, coverlets</i>				
		\$	\$	\$
<i>Blankets</i>				
<i>Blankets (electric)</i>				
<i>Comforters</i>				
<i>Mattress covers, pads</i>				
<i>Pillows</i>				
<i>Pillowcases</i>				
<i>Pillow covers</i>				
<i>Quilts</i>				
<i>Sheets</i>				
TOTAL LINENS (transfer to page 19)				



### BATHROOM NO. 1

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<i>Equipment</i>				
Cabinets		\$	\$	\$
Clothes hamper				
Mirror				
Scales				
Wastebasket				
Shelving				
<i>Floor coverings</i>				
Resilient flooring				
Rug, carpet				
<i>Linens</i>				
Bath mats				
Shower curtain				
Towels				
bath				
guest				
hand				
Washcloths				
<i>Window furnishings</i>				
Cornices, valances, curtains, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
Pictures, wall hangings				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF NEXT COLUMN</b>				

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Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<i>Equipment</i>				
Cabinets		\$	\$	\$
Clothes hamper				
Mirror				
Scales				
Wastebasket				
Shelving				
<i>Floor coverings</i>				
Resilient flooring				
Rug				
<i>Linens</i>				
Bath mats				
Shower curtain				
Towels				
bath				
guest				
hand				
Washcloths				
<i>Window furnishings</i>				
Curtains, cornices, valances, draperies				
Blinds, shades, shutters				
Window hardware				
Pictures, wall hangings				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF NEXT COLUMN</b>				

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### CLOTHING (Women's and Girls')

Item, Description	Family member _____			
	Date location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
Belts		\$	\$	\$
Blouses, tops				
Coats				
Dresses				
Formal wear				
Furs				
Gloves, mittens				
Handbags				
Hats, caps				
Hosiery				
Jackets, windbreaker				
Lingerie				
Pajamas, nightgowns				
Pantsuits				
Raincoats				
Robes				
Scarves				
Shoes, boots				
Skirts				
Shorts				
Slacks, jeans				
Snow wear, sportswear				
Suits				
Sweaters				
Sweatsuits				
Swimwear				
Umbrella				
Uniforms (work, club, sports, etc.)				
<b>TOTAL CLOTHING (transfer to page 19)</b>				

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### CLOTHING (Women's and Girls')

	Family member	Date location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
Belts			\$	\$	\$
Blouses, tops					
Coats					
Dresses					
Formal wear					
Furs					
Gloves, mittens					
Handbags					
Hats, caps					
Hosiery					
Jackets, windbreaker					
Lingerie					
Pajamas, nightgowns					
Pantsuits					
Raincoats					
Robes					
Scarves					
Shoes, boots					
Skirts					
Shorts					
Slacks, jeans					
Snow wear, sportswear					
Suits					
Sweaters					
Sweatsuits					
Swimwear					
Umbrella					
Uniforms (work, club, sports, etc.)					
TOTAL CLOTHING (transfer to page 19)					

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### CLOTHING (Men's and Boys')

Item, Description	Family member			
	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replacement cost
Belts		\$	\$	\$
Formal wear				
Gloves, mittens, hats, caps				
Overcoats				
Pajamas				
Raincoats/umbrellas				
Robes				
Shirts (Dress)				
Shirts (Casual)				
Shoes, boots				
Shorts				
Tacks, jeans				
Socks				
Sports coats				
Sportswear				
Suits				
Sweaters				
Sweatsuits				
Swimwear				
Ties				
Umbrella				
Underwear				
Uniforms (sports, club work, etc.)				
Windbreakers				
<b>TOTAL CLOTHING</b> (transfer to page 19)				

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### THING (Men's and Boys)

3**TOTAL CLOTHING** (transfer to page 19)



## MISCELLANEOUS

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OF NEXT COLUMN**

**TOTAL FORWARD (to top of next page)**



**MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)**

Item, Description	Date location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD</b> (from previous page)		\$	\$	\$
<i>Workshop equipment</i>				
Automotive tools				
Carpentry tools				
Drills				
Electronics equipment				
Hammers, mallets				
Ladders, step ladders				
Painting equipment, sprayer				
Rulers, T-squares				
Sanders				
Screwdrivers				
Shelves and containers				
Workbench				
Wrenches				
Other hand tools				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP OF</b> <b>NEXT COLUMN</b>				

Item, Description	Date, location of purchase	Purchase price	Current value	Replace- ment cost
<b>TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD</b> <b>(from previous column)</b>		\$	\$	\$
<i><b>Recreational equipment</b></i>				
Barbecue grill				
Barbecue grill accessories				
Beverage cooler, portable icebox				
Bicycles				
Cameras, musical instruments				
Picnic baskets				
Piano, organ, bench				
Sleeping bags				
Projector/screen				
Sports equipment				
Radios				
Tents, camping equipment				
Binoculars, telescopes				
Insulated jug				
Wading pool				
<i><b>Sewing equipment</b></i>				
Cutting table/board				
Machine, attachments				
Pressing equipment				
Sewing box, cabinet				
Scissors, shears				
Sewing machine				
Sewing supplies				
<b>TOTALS FORWARD TO TOP</b> <b>OF NEXT PAGE</b>				



**MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)**

## UTILITY, CLIMATE CONTROL

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### SPECIAL ITEMS



# SUMMARY

(Date of Inventory _____)			
	Original Cost	Current Value	Replacement Cost
LIVING ROOM from page 3	\$	\$	\$
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY from page 5			
FAMILY ROOM, DEN from page 6			
DINING ROOM from page 6			
BEDROOM NO. 1 from page 7			
BEDROOM NO. 2 from page 7			
BEDROOM NO. 3 from page 8			
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CLOTHING from page 14			
MISCELLANEOUS from page 17			
UTILITY, CLIMATE CONTROL from page 17			
SPECIAL ITEMS from page 18			
<b>TOTAL ALL ROOMS</b>			



# SPECIAL ITEMS

Item Location		Quantity	Original Cost	Current Value	Estimated Value	Notes
LIVING ROOM	Room 1	1	5	1		
KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY	Room 2	1	1	1		
FAMILY ROOM	Room 3	1				
DINING ROOM	Room 4	1				
BEDROOM NO. 1	Room 5	1				
BEDROOM NO. 2	Room 6	1				
BEDROOM NO. 3	Room 7	1				
BED LIVING ROOM	Room 8	1				
BATHROOM NO. 1	Room 9	1				
BATHROOM NO. 2	Room 10	1				
CLOTHING	Room 11	1				
CLOTHING	Room 12	1				
CLOTHING	Room 13	1				
CLOTHING	Room 14	1				
MISCELLANEOUS	Room 15	1				
UTILITY, CLIMATE CONTROL	Room 16	1				
SPECIAL ITEMS	Room 17	1				
TOTAL ALL ROOMS						

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