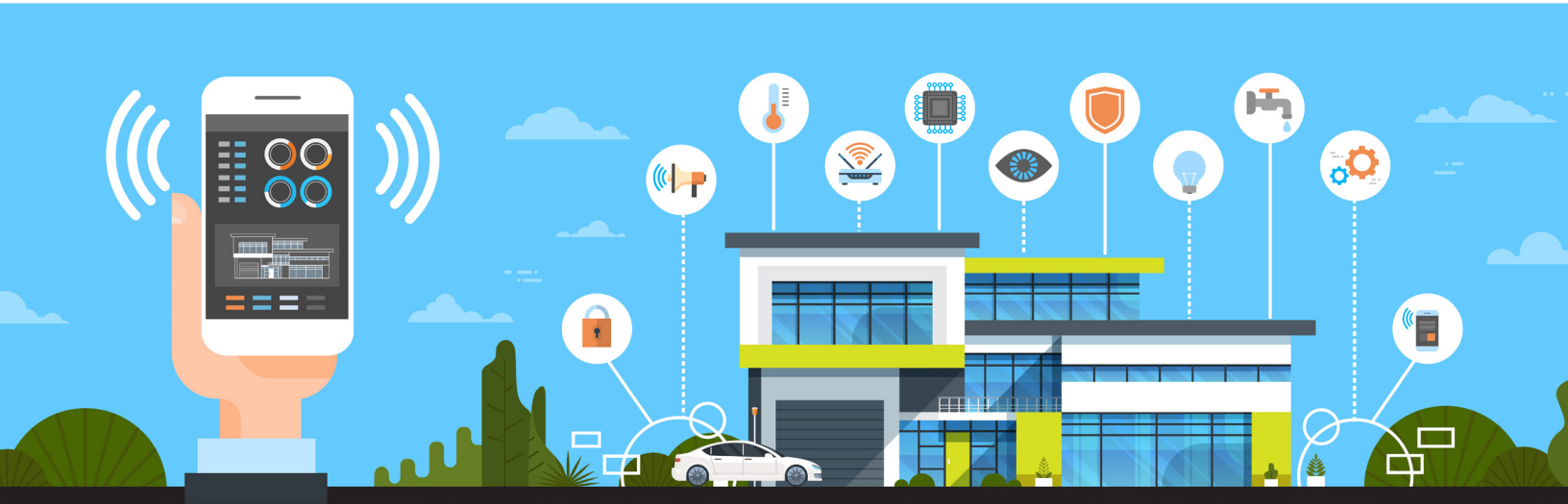


10 ESSENTIALS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME



Now that you have closed escrow and if you are one of the many homeowners that are wondering what you can do to protect your home, we have listed below **10 essentials** that can offer many layers of protection for your home and your family.

#1 NEW LOCKS

Changing the locks in your new home is essential for safety. Consider installing Smart Locks that allow you to remotely control your locks.

#2 VIDEO DOORBELL

A video doorbell allows homeowners to verify the person at the door via live video on an app such as Alarm.com, Ring or Google Home. Many video doorbells record footage as well, so if you do ever run into an issue, you can review that footage.

#3 SMART THERMOSTAT

A smart thermostat does more than just manage your home's heating and cooling: It's an app-enabled device that comes with tons of different features. Smart thermostats are also intuitive, which means you can save on energy costs as it can sense the temperature difference and adjust it as needed.

#4 SMART PLUGS

If you're wanting to start building your dream smart home and you're looking for an easy place to start, smart plugs are your perfect solution. Smart plugs are one of the most affordable and easiest to use smart home devices. They allow you to turn almost any wired appliance with an on/off switch in your home into an automated one that can be controlled by a simple tap on your phone or voice command.

#5 MOTION SENSOR LIGHTS AND VIDEO CAMERAS

Inevitably, you'll have to take out the trash one evening or walk outside to get the mail at night. You might think about installing motion-sensor outdoor lights for safety and convenience. Suppose you want to keep an eye on your home, even when you're not there. In that case, you might also consider installing connected home video surveillance cameras, which will allow you to see exactly what's walking through the yard or up to the front door—whether it's a critter or a more serious intruder.

#6 FIRE EXTINGUISHER

It's a good idea to have several fire extinguishers handy around the home. Having one of these potentially life-saving devices—and knowing how to use it—could make a huge difference.

#7 FLASHLIGHTS

You don't want to find yourself in the middle of a power outage before you remember you need a flashlight. Buy more than one, and keep them in easily accessible areas of the house.

#8 SMART HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

The latest smart-home security systems (link is external) don't just offer peace of mind; from the day you install them, they can also provide several of the above listed safety features with one system. Whether it's wireless contact sensors for doors and windows, video cameras with alerts and live streaming, safety devices like connected smoke detectors or a smart water valve that provides alerts and shutdown measures to protect against freezes, leaks and bursts, a smart security system protects and manages the entire home.

#9 SMART LIGHT SWITCH

Smart light switches can provide convenience with quick operation of multiple lights and intuitive access so anyone in your home can control your smart lights. Centralized control and the option of a portable switch remote can add accessibility benefits for the elderly or anyone with mobility challenges.

#10 ADJUSTABLE WINDOW SECURITY BAR

The Security Bar provides a simple but highly effective way to protect your home and family from break-ins and intruders. Simply slip the security bar between the window and the window frame and it prevents the window from being opened.

