

House sitter checklist

A practical home handover without passwords, alarm codes or payment details.

BEFORE LEAVING

Tested arrival, key and lock arrangement

Collect the tested key from Sam as agreed; no code is written here.

Heating, hot water and appliance basics

Leave thermostat on its current programme. Dishwasher stays off when the house is empty.

Bins, recycling, deliveries and post

Green bin out Thursday evening; bring parcels inside.

Plants and garden tasks

Water kitchen herbs once on Wednesday.

DURING THE STAY

Rooms, visitors and household boundaries

No visitors. Spare room is not in use.

Cleaning, towels and useful supplies

Fresh towels in airing cupboard; cleaning supplies under utility sink.

Known quirks, shut-off locations and safe notes

Back door needs a firm pull before locking; demonstrate at handover.

Owner, property backup and urgent contacts

Alex first; Sam is the agreed local property contact.

RETURN DAY

Final doors, windows and appliance checks

Close upstairs windows, check hob, latch side gate.

Bins, post, plants and hand-back tasks

Bring bin in if collected; leave post on hall table.

Key return and final update

Return key to Sam and send a final message.

IMPORTANT

Keep alarm codes, passwords, financial information and key-hiding instructions out of a general printed handover.