

The Basics on Moving into an HOA

Moving into an HOA community is different than you may have experienced in your previous move. HOAs are governed by rules and restrictions and that applies to moving into the community. There most likely will be additional security procedures to enter the community, truck parking restrictions, time of day to complete move, trash removal, special handling of your mail, etc. Understanding the rules and restrictions can make your move-in trouble free and get you off to a good beginning in the community.

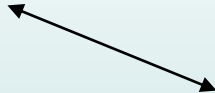
Realtors simply don't have the time, expertise or knowledge concerning the intricacies of moving into an HOA nor is this task considered part of their service to the home buyer. The Kit addresses issues in moving into the HOA most often not considered by the home buyer.

Documentation to Read Before You Buy

The Kit identifies the documentation to be read before you purchase your home in an HOA such as the HOA's governing documents and controls, covenants, and restrictions and maintenance responsibilities of the home owner and HOA and many other important documents to profile the HOA. Read these documents to avoid post purchase blues and to become a good neighbor in your new community.

Get Informed

Before You Buy



Use our Move-in Guides and Worksheets to help you track what tasks have been completed and what needs to be done.

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Read the HOA Governing Documents to avoid problems

HOA Home Buyer's Kit Documentation and Move-in Guide



Not so quick! Do your homework.

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HOA POST- PURCHASE home buying problems can be mitigated by becoming an informed consumer BEFORE YOU BUY A HOME

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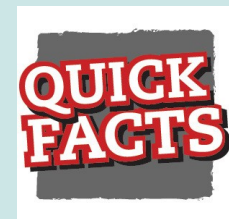
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Transition into your new home with little difficulty when you use this guide



A valuable checklist for HOA home buyers that will mitigate post purchase problems and make moving into the HOA community a smooth transition



Read the HOA Governing Documents, Understand the Controls, Covenants, and Restrictions before Closing on the Home!



HOA Home Buyer's Kit Move-in Guide

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Move-In Guide (worksheet to track tasks included in the Kit)



Get all gate passes, club house access codes, pool passes, and other security items completed as early as possible



Moving truck restrictions

Visit the club house prior to moving in and provide them with your name, address, telephone number, email

Introduce yourself to staff/Board

Verify how your US mail will be delivered and obtain any key to your mailbox



Follow up on any promises of repairs by HOA

Clubhouse/management company telephone number

Get a copy of the latest HOA directory

Garbage collection procedures: when put out and where, recycle vs trash, restrictions on items, trash cans (provided or use your own)



Newspaper delivery, mail forwarding, HOA mail box

Let your friends/relatives know your new address

Get telephone for local police, fire dept, hospital

Arrange for cable tv, utilities, water, Internet, home phone

Noise policies and playing open speakers

Change home delivery address

Activate home owners insurance policy

Take pictures of new home for insurance purposes

Change addresses on credit cards, billing addresses, checking account, etc..

Have an RV, extra vehicles, find out parking policies

Get any required parking passes

Rules for introducing your pets to the neighborhood: leash laws, where your pets are allowed (and not) such as restrictions with common areas, register your pet, and clubhouse, rules for outside of home unattended/ barking dogs, dog waste disposal

Set up account with bank for payment of HOA dues

Attend new home owner welcoming committee event

Get approval before planting any trees, building any fence, patio, deck, or any building modification

Parking policies: restrictions on street parking, number of cars, parking passes, any fees, disabled space, etc.

Get approval for any TV dish installment

Understand policies/restrictions on BBQ grills

Get approval for all flags, signs to be displayed

Get HOA to identify areas where a garden or trees can be planted



Provide HOA with email address for correspondence and telephone number for emergency contact

Provide trusted person with how to access your home and notify the HOA of this person for emergencies

Complete requests for special exceptions to CCR's in writing such as for disabled needs

Need Help Now?
Stop and Call:
911