

AI HOME INVENTORY STARTER KIT

A practical, room-by-room way to document what you own - with AI helping with the tedious parts.

The goal

Create a useful record, not a perfect catalog. Work one room at a time. Let AI help identify and organize visible belongings, then verify the results yourself and add information only you know.

A Simple AI Home-Inventory Workflow

- **1. Choose one room**
Start small. Finish one space before moving to the next.
- **2. Take wide photographs**
Capture the room from several angles so you have the big picture.
- **3. Photograph hidden areas**
Open closets, cabinets, drawers, storage bins, and other spaces that are easy to overlook.
- **4. Capture important details**
Take close-ups of valuable items, brand labels, model numbers, serial numbers, and distinctive features.
- **5. Ask AI for a first-pass list**
Upload the photos to an AI assistant and ask it to identify and organize the belongings it can reasonably see.
- **6. Review and correct**
Check every item. Fix names, quantities, brands, and details. Do not rely on AI alone.
- **7. Add what AI cannot know**
Include purchase dates, approximate original cost, receipts, warranties, appraisals, and personal notes when available.
- **8. Research replacement costs where useful**
For selected items, ask AI to compare current products of similar type and quality using current retail sources.
- **9. Flag valuables for extra attention**
Jewelry, art, antiques, collections, and other high-value items may warrant additional documentation or a professional appraisal.
- **10. Save and back it up**
Keep the master inventory, photos, videos, and supporting records somewhere secure and accessible away from the home.

Starter prompt

"I am creating a home inventory for personal records and insurance purposes. Analyze these photographs and list every piece of personal property you can reasonably identify. Organize the items by category. Do not guess at brands, models, quantities, or values you cannot determine. Mark anything uncertain as **needs verification**."



ONE ROOM AT A TIME

A ROOM-BY-ROOM HOME INVENTORY GUIDE

Break the project into manageable steps. Complete one room (and all that's in it) before moving to the next.



GOAL:

Create a complete record of your belongings for personal and insurance purposes.

FOR EACH ROOM

1



PHOTOGRAPH THE ROOM

Take wide photos from different angles to capture the big picture.

2



OPEN & CAPTURE EVERYTHING

Open drawers, cabinets, closets, and doors. Photograph the contents.

3



FOCUS ON DETAILS

Take close-up photos of important or valuable items, labels, model numbers, and serial numbers.

4



RECORD & SAVE

Note what you know: brand, model, approximate purchase date, price, receipts, and warranties.

5



LET AI HELP

Upload photos to your AI assistant to help identify items and create an organized list.

6



REVIEW & VERIFY

Check the list carefully. Correct names, quantities, brands, and details. Don't rely on AI alone.

7



MOVE TO THE NEXT ROOM

Repeat the process until your entire home (inside and out) is complete.

ROOMS & AREAS TO INVENTORY – DON'T OVERLOOK ANYTHING!



LIVING AREAS

- ☐ Living Room
- ☐ Family Room
- ☐ Den / Office
- ☐ Sunroom



KITCHEN & DINING

- ☐ Kitchen
- ☐ Dining Room
- ☐ Pantry
- ☐ Breakfast Nook



BEDROOMS

- ☐ Primary Bedroom
- ☐ Bedroom 2
- ☐ Bedroom 3
- ☐ Guest Room



BATHROOMS

- ☐ Primary Bath
- ☐ Full Bath
- ☐ Half Bath
- ☐ Guest Bath



CLOSETS & STORAGE SPACES

- ☐ Walk-In Closets
- ☐ Linen Closets
- ☐ Coat Closets
- ☐ Utility Closets



BASEMENT & ATTIC

- ☐ Basement
- ☐ Attic
- ☐ Crawl Space
- ☐ Hidden Storage



GARAGE & WORK AREAS

- ☐ Garage
- ☐ Workbench
- ☐ Tools & Equipment
- ☐ Lawn & Garden



OUTDOOR AREAS

- ☐ Porch / Deck
- ☐ Patio
- ☐ Outdoor Furniture
- ☐ Grills & Accessories



SHEDS & OUTBUILDINGS

- ☐ Shed
- ☐ Workshop
- ☐ Detached Garage
- ☐ Other Structures



STORAGE OFF-SITE

- ☐ Self-Storage Unit
- ☐ Safety Deposit Box
- ☐ Other Off-Site Locations



DON'T FORGET

- ☐ Vehicles & Accessories
- ☐ Electronics & Cables
- ☐ Books & Media
- ☐ Artwork & Decor
- ☐ Jewelry & Watches
- ☐ Collections & Hobbies
- ☐ Holiday Decorations
- ☐ Important Documents



TIP: SMALLER IS BETTER

For crowded areas, take multiple close-up photos rather than one panoramic shot. AI (and you) will get a more accurate list.



BUILD YOUR INVENTORY AS YOU GO



Add items to your inventory list room by room.



Back up your photos, videos, and inventory in a secure place outside your home.



Update your inventory regularly—after major purchases, renovations, or life changes.



High-value items? Consider appraisals and talk with your insurance professional.



A current inventory can make all the difference after a loss.



A little time now can save a lot of stress later.

You've got this—one room at a time!

AI Prompt Library

Copy, paste, and adapt these prompts as you build your inventory. The most important instruction is the same throughout: **do not guess when the information is unclear.**

1. Identify items in a room

"Analyze these room photographs for a home inventory. Create an organized list of visible personal property. Group similar items. Do not guess at brands, quantities, or values. Mark uncertain items for verification."

2. Turn the list into inventory fields

"Convert this list into a table with columns for room, category, item description, brand, model, serial number, quantity, approximate purchase date, original cost, estimated replacement cost, receipt/photo/appraisal available, and notes. Leave unknown fields blank."

3. Missing receipt or older purchase

"I bought this item around [YEAR] but no longer have the receipt. Using the photos and details I provide, help me identify verifiable brand/model/specifications and list what additional information I should look for. Do not invent an original purchase price."

4. Research a replacement-cost estimate

"Help me identify currently available products reasonably similar in size, function, materials, and quality to this item. Show several current retail examples and prices, cite the sources, and explain assumptions. This is an inventory estimate, not a professional appraisal or insurance claim valuation."

5. Organize clothing

"Help me organize the clothing visible in these photographs into practical categories such as shirts, pants, dresses, jackets, coats, shoes, and handbags. Estimate counts only when the photographs clearly support them. Flag uncertain counts for manual review."

6. Find an appraiser or specialist

"I have a [ITEM DESCRIPTION] that may need a professional appraisal for insurance purposes. Explain what type of appraiser or specialist I should look for, relevant credentials, questions to ask before hiring someone, and professional organizations or directories I can use near [CITY, STATE]."

Use AI as an organizer - not the final authority

AI can help identify, categorize, compare, and research. It can also miss objects, misread labels, or suggest an incorrect value. Verify important details yourself. For unusual or high-value property, rely on qualified professionals and your insurance professional when appropriate.

Use one sheet per room, or transfer the information into the companion Excel master inventory.

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Items to discuss with my insurance professional or an appraiser:

Before moving to the next room: ☒ I reviewed the AI-generated list ☒ I photographed hidden storage ☒ I backed up my records

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