

# Your Possible Home

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## Printable Home Systems Overview: A Fill-In Worksheet

The previous version of this resource read like a list of facts about houses in general, which isn't actually useful when something goes wrong in *your* house. The version below is the one your family actually needs — a worksheet you fill in once, with your specific shutoffs, your specific filter sizes, and your specific repair contacts, then keep somewhere everyone can find it.

Set aside an hour on a Saturday and walk the house with your spouse or your teenagers to fill this out together. The walk itself is the lesson. By the time you've found the water shutoff, the breaker panel, and the furnace, the people who walked with you will know the house in a way that no diagram could teach them.

### The structural shell

Your foundation, walls, roof, windows, and doors are the layer everything else depends on, which means the questions worth answering here are about what you'd notice if something started to go wrong.

*The age of the roof, as best you know it:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Any spots in the basement, crawlspace, or attic that have shown moisture before:*  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Windows or doors that don't seal well and need attention:* \_\_\_\_\_

### Plumbing

The single most important thing on this whole worksheet is the location of your main water shutoff, because the difference between a small leak and a flooded floor is usually about ninety seconds.

*Main water shutoff location:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Water heater location and approximate age:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Air filter sizes for any whole-house water filtration:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Outdoor hose bibs and whether they have separate shutoffs for winter:*

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*Any toilet, sink, or shower that has needed work in the last two years and what was done:*

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## Electrical

*Main breaker panel location:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Sub-panels, if any:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Circuits worth knowing — the kitchen, the laundry, the bedrooms, the outdoor outlets — and which breakers control them:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Smoke and CO detector locations and the date you last replaced batteries:*

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## HVAC

*Furnace or boiler location and approximate age:* \_\_\_\_\_

*AC unit location and approximate age:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Air filter sizes and where you keep replacements:* \_\_\_\_\_

*The schedule you use for filter changes:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Thermostat type and any quirks worth knowing — programs that run, zones that fight each other, sensors that misread:* \_\_\_\_\_

## Appliances

For each major appliance, write down the brand, the approximate age, and any repair history that's worth remembering. Future-you will thank present-you when the dishwasher acts up and you can tell the repair person it's the third time the same drain issue has come back.



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Refrigerator: \_\_\_\_\_

Oven and range: \_\_\_\_\_

Dishwasher: \_\_\_\_\_

Washer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dryer: \_\_\_\_\_

Garbage disposal: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exterior and drainage

Gutter cleaning schedule and who does it: \_\_\_\_\_

Yard grading concerns or spots where water pools: \_\_\_\_\_

Sprinkler or irrigation shutoff location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency contacts

These are the calls you don't want to be making while standing in two inches of water trying to remember a name. Fill them in now.

Plumber: \_\_\_\_\_

Electrician: \_\_\_\_\_

HVAC technician: \_\_\_\_\_

Roofer: \_\_\_\_\_

General handyperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Gas company emergency line: \_\_\_\_\_

Water company emergency line: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The family awareness check**

Once you've filled this out, walk the house one more time with anyone old enough to need to know — usually that's any kid eleven or older — and show them the shutoffs in person. Knowing the location on paper isn't the same as having stood in front of it. Ask each kid to find the water shutoff and the breaker panel without help. The first time they fumble. The second time they don't.

A small ritual that works well: tape a copy of this completed worksheet inside a kitchen cabinet door. Not the front of the fridge, where it gets buried. Inside a cabinet, where it stays clean and gets found exactly when someone needs it.