

## Home Inventory Made Simple

A house fire is traumatic enough. Not having a good record of your belongings can only add to the misery. Keeping a home inventory of the items you have and their values will help you when the rebuilding starts. There are free downloads available from the Insurance Information Institute to serve as a guide to homeowners in order to have record after a loss.

A few simple steps can help when taking inventory:

- Don't put it off. Start with new items and their value, and then try to remember older items. An incomplete inventory is better than nothing at all.
- Use your camera. Take pictures or video of your home and write down descriptions to go with it.
- Keep it safe. Be sure to keep the inventory in a secure place, such as a fire box or safe deposit box.



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