



How To Prepare A Home Inventory

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Protecting your household goods and personal possessions is as important as protecting your home itself. But it is nearly impossible to tell how much you own or what it's all worth from memory.

To make an inventory, follow these simple steps:

Proceed, room by room, listing all personal belongings and their estimated replacement costs.

Don't forget closets and storage areas, or special items that may be stored away.

Use Photographs or a Video

In the event of a claim, photographs and videos provide insurance companies with the detailed information necessary to settle your claim quickly and painlessly.

Store copies of photos or videos in your safe deposit box, if you have one, or leave them with a family member or a friend for safekeeping.

If Your Policy Pays Replacement Cost on Contents

The Replacement Cost coverage option pays the full cost of replacing your covered personal property (after you meet your deductible).

Simply list the estimated replacement value of each item. (The replacement value is what it would cost you today to buy the same item new.)

If Your Policy Pays Actual Cash Value

To determine the present value of your possessions:

Estimate the cost of replacement (what it would cost you today to buy the same item new).

Subtract the estimated depreciation, including wear and tear and obsolescence. For estimating purposes only, you might use 10% per year.

Example: Your TV cost \$800 and is four years old. Today that same set would cost \$1,000. After subtracting the 40% depreciation (10% per year for four years) from the replacement cost (\$1,000), the current Actual Cash Value of your TV would be \$600.

Please note that because values are constantly changing, you should update your Home Inventory from time to time and whenever you make a significant purchase.

Please share these updated values with Lookout Mountain Insurance Group LLC.