How to unpack after moving: a fast, room-by-room order

Unpacking stalls when every room is half done. Ten steps in the order that gets you sleeping, showering and cooking first, then finishes one room at a time and gets the cardboard out.

- [ ] **Delivery checked against the mover's inventory; damage noted before signing**
- [ ] **Beds assembled and made, one per person**
- [ ] **Bathroom basics out: toilet paper, soap, towels, medications**
- [ ] **One kitchen kit unpacked: pan, pot, knife, board, dishes, coffee, dish soap**
- [ ] **Every box moved to the room on its label**
- [ ] **One room unpacked to done before the next**
- [ ] **Empty boxes flattened and stacked out of the way**
- [ ] **Smoke alarms located and tested; CO alarms on every level**
- [ ] **Water shutoff and breaker panel found; locks changed or rekeyed**
- [ ] **Tall furniture and TVs anchored before they're loaded**
- [ ] **Cardboard recycled locally or passed on**
- [ ] **Damage claims filed in writing, well within 9 months**