Utilities to Set Up Before Move-In Day

Start this one to two weeks before you get the keys, so you walk in to lights and Wi-Fi.

1. **Find out who provides each utility** ☐
   Ask the landlord or the building for company names.
2. **Electricity** ☐
   Set up an account in your name for the start date.
3. **Gas** ☐
   Ask if the place has gas and who the supplier is.
4. **Water and sewer** ☐
   Sometimes included in rent, sometimes billed separately.
5. **Trash and recycling** ☐
   Find out the pickup days and what the building provides.
6. **Internet** ☐
   Book installation early. Slots can be weeks out.
7. **Stop or transfer your old utilities** ☐
   Choose the date so you don't pay for two homes.
8. **Ask about deposits or credit checks** ☐
   Some companies ask for a deposit with new accounts.
9. **Take meter readings on move-in day** ☐
   Photograph them with the date visible.
10. **Set up autopay and the billing address** ☐
    So bills don't go to your old place.