Vacation Rental Tech Checklist

Essential smart home and automation checks for seamless guest experiences

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Ensure your vacation rental's technology systems are guest-ready with this comprehensive checklist. From smart locks to WiFi connectivity, these essential checks help prevent guest issues and maintain 5-star reviews.

Property Name:

Check Date:

Inspector:

🔒 Access Control & Security Systems

☐ **Smart Lock Functionality**
Test keypad entry, mobile app access, and backup key functionality

☐ **Security Camera Operation**
Verify cameras are recording, connectivity is stable, privacy settings correct

☐ **Motion Sensor Calibration**
Test sensitivity settings, ensure proper detection zones

☐ **Entry Code Updates**
Generate new guest codes, delete previous guest access

☐ **Alarm System Status**
Check battery levels, test arm/disarm functionality

☐ **Emergency Contact Setup**
Verify property manager contact info in security system

📶 WiFi & Connectivity Systems

☐ **WiFi Speed Test**
Test download/upload speeds in all rooms, minimum 25 Mbps

☐ **Guest Network Setup**
Verify guest WiFi password, ensure main network is protected

☐ **Mesh Network Coverage**
Test WiFi signal strength in all areas including outdoor spaces

☐ **Streaming Device Setup**
Test smart TV apps, casting capability, login credentials

☐ **Router & Modem Status**
Check equipment lights, restart if needed, verify connections

☐ **Backup Internet Options**
Test Starlink or cellular backup if available

🌡️ Climate Control & Home Automation

☐ **Smart Thermostat Programming**
Set optimal guest temperatures, verify remote access functionality

☐ **Automated Lighting Scenes**
Test welcome, evening, and departure lighting programs

☐ **Smart Switch Operations**
Verify all smart switches respond to app and manual controls

☐ **Window Automation**
Test motorized blinds/shades, schedule settings

☐ **Fan & Ventilation Controls**
Check smart fan settings, bathroom ventilation timers

☐ **Voice Assistant Setup**
Test Alexa/Google commands, remove personal information

🤽 Pool, Spa & Water Features

☐ **Automated Pool Chemistry**
Verify pH monitoring, chlorine levels, app notifications working

☐ **Pool Equipment Controls**
Test pump schedules, heater operation, filter cycles

☐ **Spa Temperature Control**
Set guest-ready temperature, verify heating schedule

☐ **Water Feature Operation**
Test fountains, waterfalls, lighting effects

☐ **Safety System Check**
Verify pool alarms, automatic covers, emergency stops

☐ **Pool Lighting Controls**
Test underwater lights, landscape lighting, color changing features

📺 Entertainment & Media Systems

☐ **Smart TV Functionality**
Test all apps, sign out of personal accounts, verify remote controls

☐ **Sound System Operation**
Test speakers, Bluetooth connectivity, volume controls

☐ **Streaming Service Access**
Verify Netflix, YouTube, etc. are logged out or using guest accounts

☐ **Gaming Console Setup**
Clear saved games, update software, check controller batteries

☐ **Outdoor Entertainment**
Test outdoor speakers, patio TV, weather protection systems

☐ **Universal Remote Programming**
Ensure simple operation, provide backup remotes

🏠 Smart Appliances & Kitchen Tech

☐ **Smart Refrigerator Settings**
Clear personal data, set optimal temperatures, test ice maker

☐ **Smart Oven/Range Operation**
Test app connectivity, clear cooking history, verify safety features

☐ **Dishwasher Smart Features**
Test cycle selections, app notifications, maintenance alerts

☐ **Coffee Machine Programming**
Set welcome brew time, check water filters, clean system

☐ **Garbage Disposal Controls**
Test smart switches, verify safety features, check for blockages

☐ **Water Filtration System**
Check filter status, test flow rates, verify monitoring alerts

✅ Final System Integration Check

☐ **Guest Welcome Automation**
Test complete arrival sequence: lights turn on, climate adjusts, welcome message displays

☐ **Emergency Contact System**
Verify guest can easily contact property manager through smart home interface

☐ **Energy Management Active**
Confirm automated systems will optimize energy usage during guest stay

☐ **Guest Instructions Updated**
QR codes and digital guides reflect current system configurations

Checklist Completion & Sign-off

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Property Manager Signature

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Date Completed

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Next Check Due