

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

Home Automation & Climate Control

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

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

Property Manager Signature

Date Completed

Next Check Due