



Home Utility Checklist

A room-by-room worksheet for deciding whether a practical product deserves space, upkeep, and budget in your home.

PRODUCT OR IDEA	
ROOM OR TASK	
DATE CHECKED	

Decision rule

A product should solve a recurring task, fit the real room, have evidence you can verify, and remain worth its total cost after setup, cleaning, storage, and replacement needs.

Use this worksheet before opening a retailer page. Complete the final decision only after recording at least one limitation.

1. Fit and daily utility

Measure the real space

- ☐ Record width, depth, height, door clearance, and ventilation space.
 - ☐ Check where the product, cable, accessories, and packaging will be stored.
 - ☐ Confirm weight, mounting surface, outlet, water, or battery requirements.
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Name the recurring job

- ☐ Write the exact household task this product should make easier.
 - ☐ Estimate how often the task happens in a normal week.
 - ☐ List the setup and cleanup required before the benefit appears.
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Identify the user

- ☐ Record who will use, lift, clean, refill, or maintain the product.
 - ☐ Check reach, controls, instructions, noise, and safe handling needs.
 - ☐ Write who should skip this product and why.
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2. Evidence, cost, and decision

Verify the evidence

- ☐ Confirm dimensions, materials, compatibility, warranty, and included parts.
 - ☐ Check the date for price, availability, rating, and review-count claims.
 - ☐ Read recurring complaints and separate design trade-offs from defects.
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Calculate total cost

- ☐ Add required accessories, filters, batteries, installation, and replacements.
 - ☐ Compare the cost with a simpler tool or a product already in the home.
 - ☐ Decide whether the expected weekly use justifies the space and upkeep.
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Final decision

KEEP	COMPARE	SKIP

Reason and next step

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