Things to Remember When Building Your Home

Think about the different equipment you have currently, and use this checklist to help you have the best experience when setting up your electronic devices and adding internet, cable TV, home security and phone services in your new home.

Installing Services

- Bury Cable Line: Can my builder bury the service line before the driveway is poured or sod is installed?
- Check Service Providers: What are my options for service providers? Can I schedule my services to be installed the day I move in? (Call at least two weeks prior.)

Home Security

- Security Cameras: Where do I want security cameras? Is there an outlet near those locations? Can my builder run CAT5 cable to any exterior camera locations?
- Door Locks: Do I want one or more smart door locks? Can my builder pre-drill deadbolt holes in my doors?
- Smart Thermostat: Can I add a smart thermostat to my HVAC system? Would I need more than one? What special considerations do I need to make?
- Local Ordinances: Are there any city ordinances or codes that might affect installing smoke detectors, smart thermostats or other equipment? (Check with builder, electrician or HVAC installer.)

Phone

Phone Jacks: Where should my phone jack(s) go? What's easiest for my child, a babysitter or other visitor?

Internet

- Modem: Where will my modem and/or router sit? Is there a shelf or table to set it on?
- Outlets: Is there an electrical outlet and Ethernet port near where the modem will be?
- Hardwired Electronics: Where will I put my smart TV, gaming consoles or other devices that should be hardwired? Is there an electrical outlet and Ethernet port close by?
- Future Devices: What devices might I add in the future? Will I need outlets or Ethernet ports near those devices?

Cable TV

- Number of TVs: How many TVs do I have? Where will they go in my new home?
- TV Equipment: What other electronic equipment will sit near my TV (DVR, Blu-ray player, sound bar, or gaming console)?
- Outlets: Are there enough electrical outlets and Ethernet ports nearby?
- Mounted TVs: Do I want to mount any TVs? Can I have outlets put higher on the wall?
- Future Devices: Where might I add TVs in the future? Will I need outlets or Ethernet ports near those devices?

