

Before-Drywall Smart Home Checklist

Use this quick field check before insulation and drywall hide the work.

☐ 1	Internet entry and central equipment location are confirmed
☐ 2	Rack area has power, ventilation, clearance, and service access
☐ 3	Every cable is labeled at both ends and recorded
☐ 4	Wired network locations include TVs, access points, cameras, and work areas
☐ 5	Display power, signal path, mount, backing, and box placement work together
☐ 6	Speaker and subwoofer locations avoid framing and fixtures
☐ 7	Camera views account for soffits, doors, lighting, and privacy
☐ 8	Lighting loads, control locations, shades, and daily scenes are documented
☐ 9	Conduit or accessible pathways exist for likely future changes
☐ 10	Exterior cable and penetrations are coordinated for the environment
☐ 11	Applicable cable tests are complete and recorded
☐ 12	Wide, medium, and close-up photos are saved by room
☐ 13	Open issues have an owner and a due date
☐ 14	Drawings, scope, and budget reflect the latest decisions

Safety note: Confirm final electrical, structural, fire-stopping, life-safety, and code requirements with qualified local professionals and current manufacturer instructions.

Want the complete room inventory, cable schedule, Wi-Fi, theater, camera, lighting, budget, bid-comparison, and handoff worksheets? Get the Smart Home Planning Kit from The Smart Home Fix.