Inherited House Checklist

I'm sorry for your loss. When someone you love passes, the house is often the biggest thing left to sort out.

Papers worth gathering now

- [ ] Certified copies of the death certificate
- [ ] The will, if there is one. Keep the original safe and tell your attorney where it is.
- [ ] The deed and any title papers for the house
- [ ] Mortgage statements and any letters from the mortgage company
- [ ] Property tax bills and the homeowners insurance policy
- [ ] Utility bills: power, water, gas
- [ ] Receipts for repairs or upkeep you pay for
- [ ] Any court papers, including the papers that name the personal representative

Three habits that help:

- Keep originals in one safe place and copies in one folder.
- Open and save every letter about the mortgage or the court.
- Keep a simple list of what you pay for the house, and when.

If the house is sitting empty

- [ ] **Keep it secure.** Lock every door and window, and put a few lights on a timer.
- [ ] **Call the insurance company.** Tell them the house is empty and ask whether the policy still covers it. Some policies treat an empty house differently.
- [ ] **Have someone look in weekly,** and right after any storm.
- [ ] **Keep the power on if you can,** so the AC keeps the humidity and mold down.
- [ ] **Make sure someone collects the mail,** so bills and notices don't get missed.
- [ ] **Before giving away or selling belongings,** check with your attorney.

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