



Step 18 to Buying a Home: Hook up your utilities



This is one of those annoying tasks that no one thinks about doing ahead of time, but is crucial. Call now and have utilities transferred into your name as of the date of closing/recording. Make sure to get the gas, water, sewer, garbage and electric changed into your name. Your Purchase & Sale Agreement mostly likely included the NWMLS Form 22K "Utility Addendum" that usually lists all the utilities servicing the property. However, it may not include the Cable TV or internet provider. If you aren't sure who services the area, drop me an email or call and I'll be happy to help.

You'll also want to call your TV and internet provider asap as most likely you'll need to set up an appointment with them to come out and install service and it can take weeks to get the appointment. If you're buying in a condo building, check with the HOA President or Property Management company to see if either cable or internet are included in your HOA fee. If not, find out if there is a certain provider you have to use or if you can use whomever you'd like.