

# Time to Check Your List

## A List Santa Doesn't Check

He makes his list and checks it twice. How about you? Do you have a list of to-do's that you created in January and still have items remaining? One is probably to either create your home or business inventory – or update it if you have one – by the end of the year.

The importance of an updated inventory is more important today than ever. The slow economy has made it more difficult to replace what's lost, there is an increased number of burglaries, and fires continue to destroy peoples' homes and businesses.

Gift yourself this holiday, by having a current inventory of your belongings to help ensure proper recovery after a loss.

### **Creating your inventory**

This is a time-consuming task that few people want to do themselves. So, enjoy your time with family - decorating, shopping and baking – while a certified inventory professional provides this much-needed record of your belongings. (We'll do our best to complete your inventory before the end of the year!)

### **Updating your inventory**

Here are 3 quick tips to ensure you have a current record of the contents of your home or business.

While the camera is out during the holiday season, take photos of your decorations. If you purchased a few expensive decorations, list them separately on your written record.

Walk through the garage and house and snap photos of new items purchased since your last update. Add them to your list also.

Review your current photos and delete the photos of items discarded. Remove the items if they're listed on your written record.

Now that that's checked off your list ... have a safe, happy holiday!

# They Have Everything (sigh)

Every year we all have someone on our list who is very difficult to buy for. They have everything, or at least it seems!

So, what is the perfect gift for the person who has everything? A home inventory gift certificate, of course!

How do you know if this is the right gift? Ask yourself the following questions. Does he or she:

- Buy the latest and greatest of all the new electronics?
- Wear a lot of jewelry and watches?
- Own collectibles (Christmas village, Lladros, sports memorabilia, etc.)?
- Purchase mostly high-end clothing?
- Enjoy hobbies that require a variety of tools?
- Work hard for what they own?
- Value, appreciate and would want to replace what they own?
- Always seem to be so busy that they'd struggle finding the time to create an inventory after a disaster?

If you answered yes to even one of these questions, a home inventory gift certificate could be just the perfect gift you're looking for. A home inventory will protect that "everything" they own!

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