YOUR NEXT MOVE, WITH MORE CONTEXT.

Austin Monthly & Move-In Cost Planner

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Original AI editorial illustration. Not an actual property or a map.

A practical plan you can keep.

Define your priorities. Record the evidence. Keep the questions that still need a local answer.

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01 / DEFINE THE DECISION

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Date / visit window

Housing quote A and B

Record the property, quote date, term and complete required monthly charges.

Included-charge check

List costs already in rent or escrow so you avoid double counting.

Utilities and usage range

Enter providers, documented usage context and low/high planning assumptions.

Transportation scenario

Price parking and expected vehicle, transit or paid-ride use for each home.

Fill digitally or print. Keep passwords, identity numbers and account details elsewhere.

02 / INVESTIGATE THE TRADEOFFS

From idea to evidence.

Use dates, exact addresses and observed conditions. A missing answer is a useful follow-up, not a reason to guess.

Other recurring commitments

Enter your own groceries, services and activity costs on the same monthly basis.

Upfront payment calendar

List each deposit, fee, move or closing payment with its actual due date.

Funds and reserve

Compare confirmed available funds with arrival payments and the reserve you choose.

One-change sensitivity test

Change one uncertain cost and record how the monthly total and choice respond.

Keep three things separate

What you saw / What a dated source says / What still needs confirmation

03 / CHECK, CITE & MOVE FORWARD

Bring a better brief.

Complete the checks that apply, keep the sources you used, and turn the open questions into a specific next step.

- [ ] Collect dated quotes for two actual housing options.
- [ ] Mark quoted, estimated and unknown amounts separately.
- [ ] Check which charges are already included in housing.
- [ ] Separate recurring costs from upfront cash requirements.
- [ ] Test one uncertain assumption at a time.
- [ ] Update the comparison before relying on an expired quote.

The question that could change my decision

Include the address, source or situation and the exact confirmation you need.

Sources to revisit

01 CFPB: Loan Estimate explainer

02 Austin Energy: residential rates and billing components

03 Austin Energy: residential utility setup

04 CapMetro: Schedules & Maps

Make this a home-search conversation.

Open the full guide and plan your next step with LocalTeam