HomeShelf

A little order.
A lot more peace.

Complete User Manual

From your first account to a fully organized household.

Accounts and licenses • Locations and inventory • Photo identification
QR / barcode labels and printing • Lending and returns • Sharing and recovery

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Start here: your first household

HomeShelf is a private household inventory app for tools, outdoor equipment, electronics, household supplies, and anything else you want to find or track.

1. Open https://homeshelf.nextsetventures.com. On the product page, choose Get HomeShelf to begin, or Sign in if you already have an account.

2. Create and confirm your email account, then create your household.

3. Open License & support. Purchase your household license.

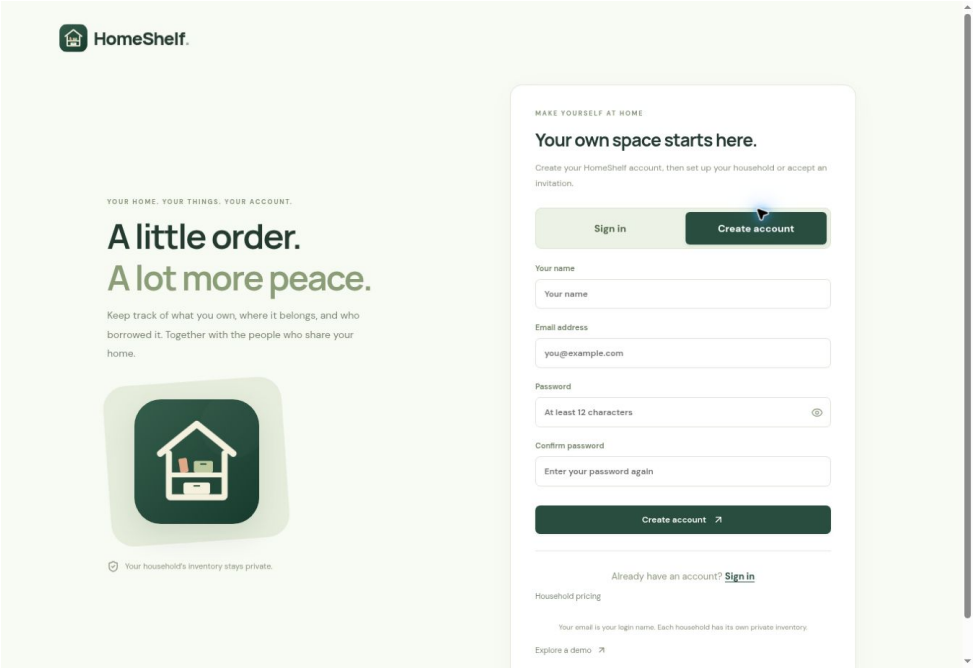
4. Add a few locations. Add one item, print its QR label, then practice checking it out and returning it.

5. Enable backups and optional device features after the basic workflow feels familiar.

Screenshots show actual HomeShelf screens; inventory examples use fictional demo records. Demo changes are temporary and account-only controls may be disabled. Older screenshots illustrate controls that remain in use; phone layouts can differ. Instructions were checked against version 43 on November 1, 2026. Check the current purchase screen for prices and availability.

Create your account

Use your own email and a HomeShelf password. Your email address is your login name.



Actual Create account screen, shown before any information is entered.

1. Tap Create account on the welcome screen.

2. Enter Your name and Email address. Choose a password of at least 12 characters and enter it again under Confirm password. The eye button shows or hides the password.

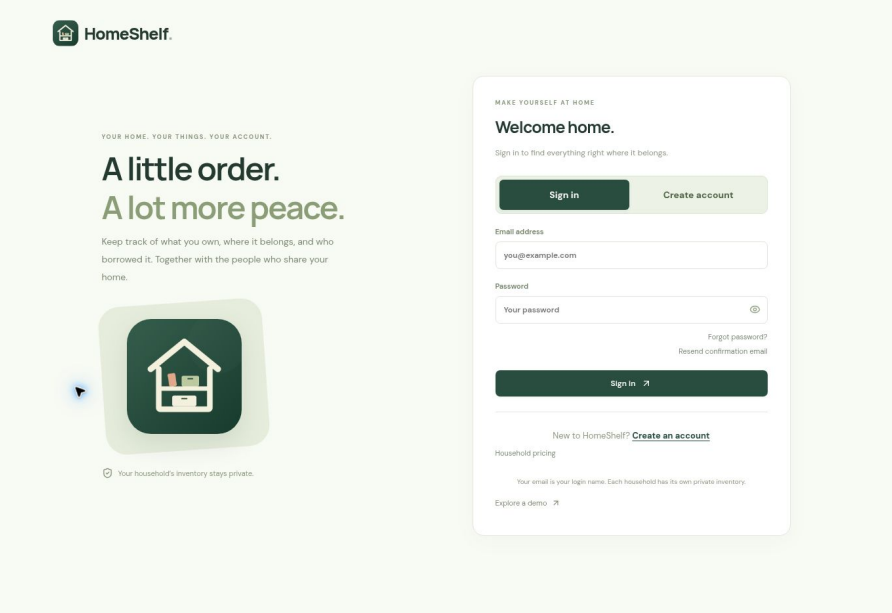
3. Tap Create account. When the app says to check your email, open the newest confirmation message and follow its link.

4. Return to HomeShelf and sign in if asked. Enter a household name, such as Smith Home, and tap Create my household.

A household is the shared inventory space. Creating an account and household does not itself purchase a license. If you arrived through an invitation, accept that invitation to join the existing household instead.

Sign in, reset your password, sign out

HomeShelf normally remembers a valid sign-in on that browser or installed web app. A new browser, new address, or expired session can require signing in again.



Sign-in screen with password reset and confirmation-email controls.

1. Open HomeShelf and choose Sign in. Enter your email and HomeShelf password; check that autofill selected the right account.

2. If confirmation is missing, choose Resend confirmation email. Use the latest message.

3. If you forgot the password, choose Forgot password?, enter the account email, and request a reset link. Open the newest link in Safari or your browser.

4. On A fresh start, enter and confirm a new password, then tap Save new password. Sign in again using the new password.

5. To leave the account, choose Sign out beside Scan QR or in the sidebar profile and follow the confirmation screen.

Sync pending offline changes before signing out. Signing out clears the device's offline copy and unsynced local changes. Never share your password or a full reset-email link.

Save HomeShelf to your phone

HomeShelf is a web app. Saving it to the Home Screen gives you an app icon; installation does not create an account or activate a license.

1. iPhone: open the HomeShelf address in Safari. Tap Share, choose Add to Home Screen, confirm the HomeShelf name, and tap Add. Depending on iOS, Share may be in the toolbar or browser menu.

2. Open the new HomeShelf icon and sign in. Use the icon created from homeshelf.nextsetventures.com. An older shortcut may still open the previous address.

3. Android: open the address in Chrome and use its menu to choose Install app or Add to Home screen, if offered.

4. Computer: use the website directly. A supported browser may offer an install option; it is optional.

5. When a feature needs the camera or notifications, allow the relevant permission only when you want to use it.

What is shared?

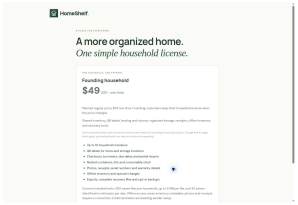
Your online account and household inventory follow you across devices. Device permissions, offline storage, and notification registrations are managed separately on each device.

If the screen looks enlarged

Reset browser zoom and reopen the app. If a saved icon keeps showing an old layout, open the current address online and refresh before adding a replacement shortcut.

Purchase a household license

The current founding offer is $49 USD, one time. The pricing screen also shows a planned regular price of $79. Check the displayed offer before paying.



Public pricing screen. Stripe checkout is a separate secure page; its fields vary by payment method.

1. Sign in and create or select the household you want to activate.

2. Open the navigation menu and choose License & support. Purchase from the account used to create your household.

3. Under Before you purchase, select United States. Confirm you are at least 18 and may make the purchase. Read the linked License terms, Refund policy, and Privacy notice, then tick the agreement. New purchases outside the US are not currently offered.

4. Tap Buy one-time license with the displayed price. Stripe opens its secure checkout. Your policy version and acceptance time are recorded.

5. Review the amount and currency, enter the payment information requested by Stripe, and submit the payment.

6. Return to HomeShelf. Reopen License & support and confirm the verified one-time license is active before repeating a payment.

Before purchasing

Your household remains read-only until payment is confirmed. You can browse existing records, view files, and export your data, but saving inventory changes requires an active license.

After purchasing

Confirm the license is active before adding inventory. Refund requests within 14 calendar days can be sent to info@nextsetventures.com with the receipt reference. Read the full policy at homeshelf.nextsetventures.com/refunds.

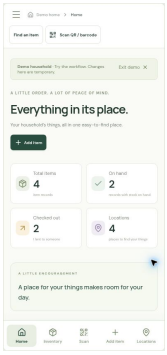
Already licensed

License & support shows your active one-time or complimentary household license and service limits. An active household does not see the purchase offer or buy button.

One household license covers the household, including invited members, up to its service limits. It is not a recurring license subscription. Separate households have separate access. A refund can deactivate the paid license; viewing and exporting remain available.

Find your way around

HomeShelf opens to Home after sign-in: a clean overview of your household. On a phone, use the five bottom buttons: Home, Inventory, Scan, Add item, Locations. The current section or open action is highlighted; Scan is neutral until opened.



Actual phone Home screen: summary tiles, an organization saying, and five-button navigation.

Home

Home shows Total items, On hand, Checked out, and Locations. Tap a tile to open its section. A short organization saying changes each time you open or return to Home, cycling through 100 original sayings.

Inventory and Locations

Inventory contains search, filters, and item cards. Locations contains rooms, storage, positions, and containers. Neither repeats the Home summary tiles.

Scan and Add item

Scan opens the QR/barcode scanner. Add item opens the item form. Closing either returns to your previous section. Use Home to return to the overview.

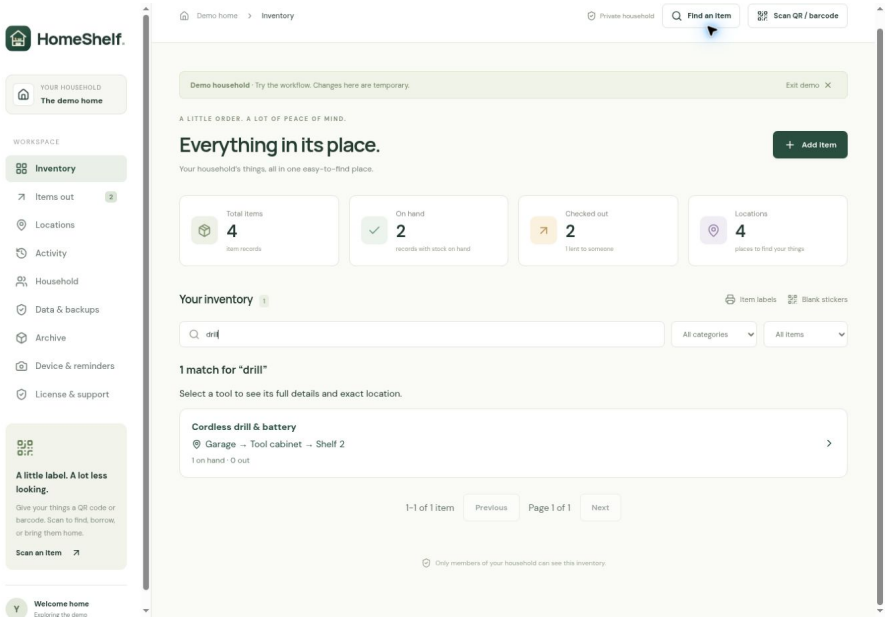
More sections

Open the menu for Items out, Activity, Household, Data & backups, Archive, Device & reminders, and License & support. On a computer, use the sidebar.

Your counts and belongings are household-specific. The sayings are general encouragement stored on this device, with no email or notification sent when they change.

Find a tool and see exactly where it is

Use one word to find related item names. Searching drill finds both Hammer drill and Cordless drill.



Actual demo search results and the Find an item button.

1. Tap Find an item at the top of HomeShelf. It opens Inventory, clears previous category/status/location filters, and focuses the search field.

2. Type part of a name, such as drill. Results appear as a list with each item's current room, cabinet, and drawer. If the permanent home differs, it appears separately.

3. Compare the tool names and locations. Tap the matching result to open its full details, photos, and checkout controls.

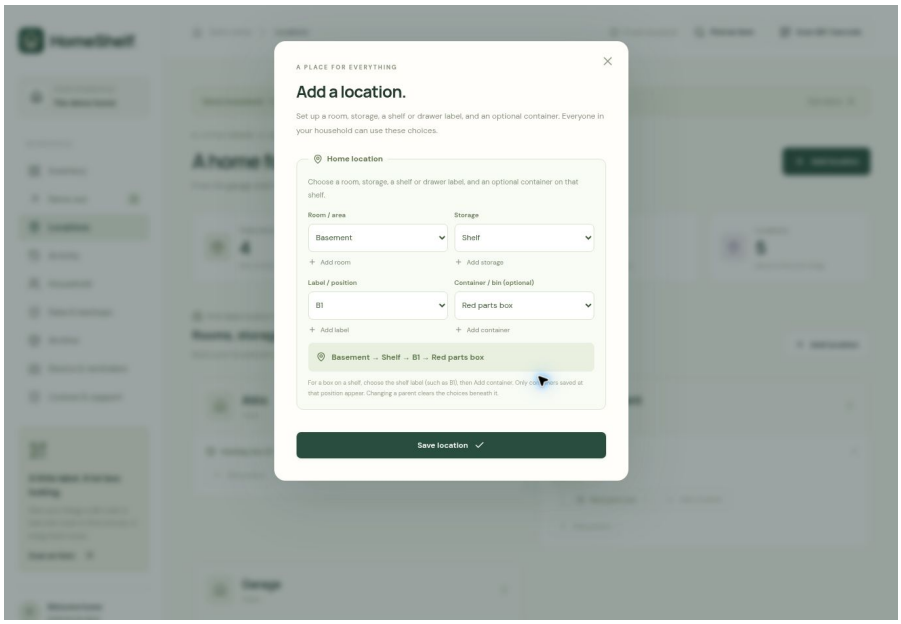
4. Use Previous and Next if more than 30 records match. Search checks the whole household, not just the first page.

5. Clear the search to return to the card view. Category and status filters remain available beside the search field.

Searching does not change stock or location. Offline search uses the inventory saved on this device; reconnect to see new changes from other devices.

Set up rooms, shelves, and containers

Locations support four levels: Room / area - Storage - Label / position - Container / bin. Example: Basement - Shelf - B1 - Red parts box. The container is optional.



Actual location picker: Basement - Shelf - B1 - Red parts box.

1. Open Locations and tap Add location. Choose Room / area, such as Basement.

2. Choose Storage, such as Shelf, Toolbox, or Cabinet. A room alone is also allowed.

3. Use Add label to create a shelf or drawer position, such as B1, then select it. Only your saved labels appear.

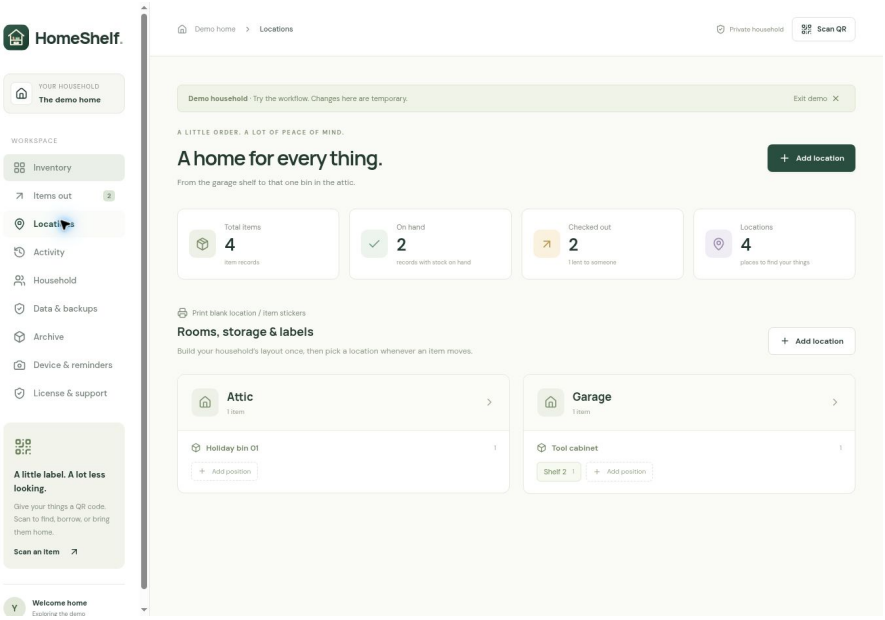
4. If a box sits at that position, tap Add container. Name it, such as Red parts box, and tap Add. Select it under Container / bin (optional).

5. Review the complete location, then tap Save location. In Locations, open the container and use Add item here; the new tool inherits the full location.

Containers in Locations identify a box at a shelf position. For a portable toolbox that moves with all its contents, create a Movable container inventory item instead. Changing a parent clears the selections beneath it.

Browse a location and add items there

A location can represent a room, cabinet, shelf, drawer, or named container at a shelf position.



Location directory showing rooms, storage groups, and position chips.

1. Open Locations. Tap a room, storage heading, position chip, or container name.

2. In the location panel, review the items currently on hand there. Parent locations include items in all positions and containers beneath them.

3. Tap Add item here to open a new item with that location already selected.

4. Tap QR label to print a location label, or Link existing sticker to associate a sticker you already have.

5. Use View this location in inventory to apply a location filter. Clear the location filter to see the full inventory again.

Location counts reflect item records currently on hand in that area. A checked-out item may still have its permanent home there without appearing as on-hand stock.

Delete a drawer, cabinet, or room

Delete a location when you no longer need it. Deleting a cabinet removes all its drawers and other locations beneath it in one step.

1. Open Locations and select the drawer, cabinet, or room you want to remove.

2. Tap Delete location. Review the selected path. All locations underneath it are included.

3. Type only the selected name, such as RIDGID toolbox or Drawer 1. No room name or arrows are needed; capitalization and extra spaces do not matter.

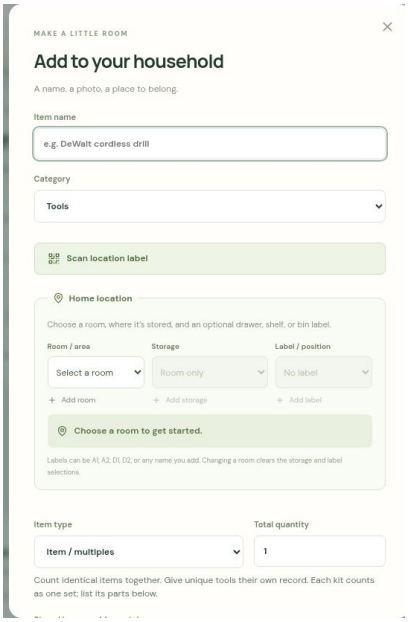
4. Tap Delete location to confirm. Its QR labels, barcodes, and linked stickers are disconnected.

5. If HomeShelf says items still use the location, edit their home locations or move them first. This includes archived and checked-out items anywhere inside the selected room or cabinet. Then retry.

Inventory items are not deleted by location removal. Reconnect and sync pending changes first. Downloaded or automatic backups can contain older locations.

Add your first inventory item

Give a unique tool its own record. Group identical units only when they can share the same details and current location.



Top of the actual add-item form. Scroll inside the form to reach photos and Save.

1. Tap Add item. Enter a clear Item name and choose a Category.

2. Choose the home location using Room / area, Storage, and Label / position. Or tap Scan location label and scan the destination label.

3. Select Item type and enter a whole-number Total quantity. For one unique tool, use Item / multiples and quantity 1.

4. Optionally select a movable container, list accessories, record condition, and expand the purchase/serial/warranty fields.

5. Add notes and a photo if useful. Tap Save item. Use Save + add another here to keep adding similar stock at that location.

Example: name “Cordless drill and battery,” category Tools, home Garage - Tool chest - D1, quantity 1, accessories Charger / Battery / Case. Check the saved item appears in Inventory.

Identify an unfamiliar tool from a photo

Photo identification suggests a name, category, description, and sometimes a visible brand or model. It does not automatically save an inventory item.

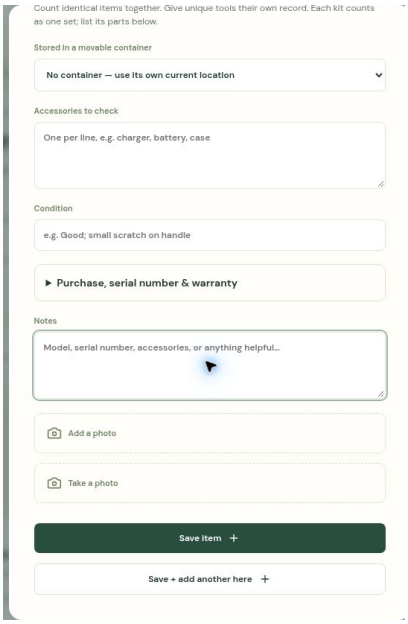


Photo and camera controls near the bottom of the add-item form. Identify this photo appears only after a photo is added.

1. Open Add item. Scroll down to Take a photo to use the phone camera, or Add a photo to select an existing image.

2. After the photo uploads and its preview appears, tap Identify this photo. You do not need to know the tool's name first.

3. Review the suggestion and confidence. For a better result, use a well-lit photo of one object; a close view of its label can help identify brand and model.

4. Tap Use these suggestions. Review the populated name/category and any brand/model details. Later edits you made while waiting are preserved.

5. Choose the location, quantity, and any remaining details, then tap Save item.

Identification sends the selected photo to an external AI service for analysis. Internet and an active household license are required. Suggestions can be wrong; verify before saving or using a tool. The current limit is 30 attempts per household per day. QR scanning is a separate feature for reading labels.

Edit details, photos, and receipts

Open an item by tapping its card name or picture. Scroll within the detail panel to find the action buttons.

1. Tap Edit, change the fields, and tap Save changes. Keep the permanent home accurate; use moving actions for a temporary current location.

2. Expand Purchase, serial number & warranty when editing to record Brand, Model, Serial number, Purchase date, Purchase price, Currency, Purchased from, Warranty ends, and Warranty notes.

3. For the main cover photo, use the photo controls in Edit. Remove photo removes it from the item form; save the change.

4. Under Photos & receipts, choose Add another photo or Attach receipt. Open the saved filename to view the attachment.

5. Tap Hide to remove an attachment from normal display. Use Show hidden attachments, then Restore, to bring it back.

File limits

Extra photos accept JPEG, PNG, or WebP. Receipts also accept PDF. Each extra file is limited to 5 MB, with up to 10 active extra files per item. Hidden files remain in backups and count toward stored-file limits.

Duplicate an item

Open the original and tap Duplicate item. Review the copied fields, change the name/location/quantity as needed, and save it as a separate record. Do not assume loans, QR identity, or extra attachments transfer.

Quantities, kits, and movable containers

Choose the item type that matches how you store and use the object.

1. Open the existing item and tap + Add quantity directly below the on-hand, checked-out, and total counts.

2. Enter only the Quantity to add, such as 1 when you buy one more. Review the resulting on-hand and total counts.

3. Optionally add a note, then tap Add quantity. HomeShelf updates the same record and records Quantity added in its history. Existing loans, photos, labels, and details remain.

Item / multiples

Use quantity 1 for a unique tool. Use a larger quantity for identical units. Total equals on-hand plus outstanding units. Do not lower the total below units currently on loan.

Kit / set

Each quantity unit is one set. List expected contents under Kit contents / accessories. A single-unit kit can also hold separately recorded components.

Movable container

Create a toolbox, tote, or case as a Movable container. Its quantity is fixed at 1. Open it and choose Add item / component here, or select it in another item's Move with a portable container (optional) field.

Moving a container

Moving a container carries its on-hand contents to the container's current location. A child inside a container cannot be moved independently until its container relationship is changed appropriately.

Lending contents

When a container has separately recorded contents, open and check out the component you need; the container's checkout control directs you to its contents. Avoid a container cycle. Nesting is limited to eight levels.

Adding identical units

New units share this record’s current location. Movable containers and kits with separately recorded contents stay separate. To correct an existing count rather than record a purchase, open Edit, change Total quantity, and Save changes.

Before saving a kit, decide whether its parts are only an accessories checklist or separate inventory records. Use separate records when you want to lend, identify, or track each part independently.

Consumables and stock in several places

Consumables are things you use up, such as batteries, screws, tape, or cleaning supplies.

1. Create the record with Item type: Consumable and its starting quantity.

2. When stock is used, open the item and tap Record used-up stock. Enter Quantity used, optionally add a note, and confirm.

3. This reduces total stock and records activity. It is not a loan and does not expect a return.

4. To restock, open the existing item and use + Add quantity. Enter only the newly received units; do not re-enter the total.

Split stock across locations

For a record with more than one on-hand unit, open it and choose Split stock across locations. Enter the quantity going elsewhere, select the other location, and confirm. The operation creates a linked stock record without changing the group total.

What stays separate

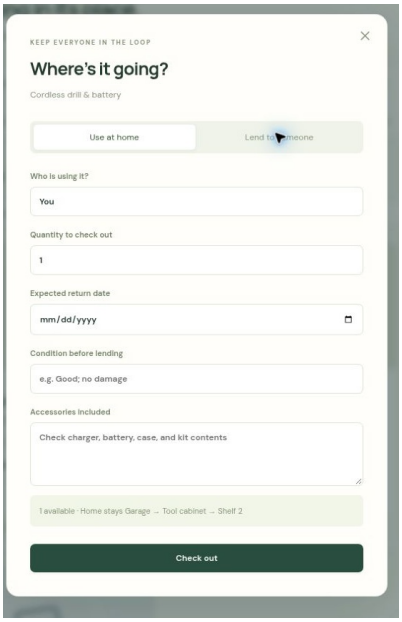
Each linked location keeps its own quantities and loans. The cover photo and item details are copied; extra attachments stay with the original record. Open Across locations to inspect the linked records.

Choose the right action

Use Move for moving all on-hand units together; Split stock across locations for only some units; Check out / lend for borrowed or temporarily used units; Record used-up stock when units are consumed.

Check out an item or lend it to someone

A checkout records who has the item, how many units are out, and an optional expected return date.



Actual Lend to someone form.

1. Open the item and tap Check out / lend, or use the button on its card.

2. Choose Use at home for household use, or Lend to someone for a borrower outside the home.

3. Enter Who is using it? or Borrower's name. A borrower does not need a HomeShelf account just to be named on a loan.

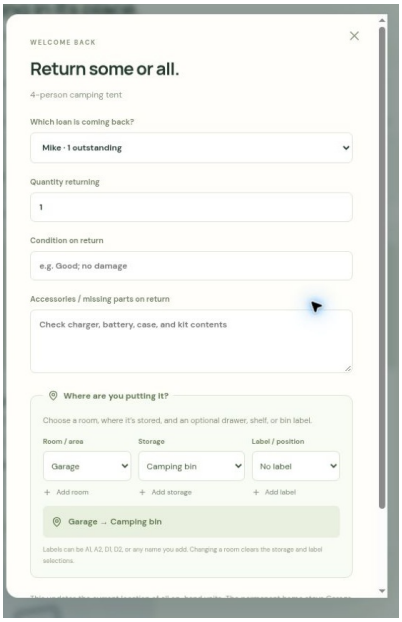
4. Enter Quantity to check out, no more than the available stock. Optionally set Expected return date, condition, and accessories included.

5. Tap Check out or Confirm loan. Check the updated available/out quantities and borrower under Items out.

You can lend different units from the same stock record to different people. Each loan has its own outstanding balance and due date. The permanent home stays recorded while the item is out.

Return all or part of a loan

A partial return reduces only the selected loan's outstanding quantity. The remaining units stay checked out.



Return form with loan selection, quantity, condition, and location.

1. Open Items out or the item detail. Tap Check in, or tap Return beside the correct open loan.

2. Choose Which loan is coming back? if more than one loan is listed.

3. Enter Quantity returning. Use the full remaining quantity for a complete return, or a smaller quantity for a partial return.

4. Record Condition on return and Accessories / missing parts on return. Choose Where are you putting it?

5. Tap Confirm return. Confirm the available and outstanding counts are correct.

Returning to another location updates the current location of all on-hand units in that stock record; the permanent home stays unchanged. A component stored inside a container returns to that container's location.

Move items and change their permanent home

Current location is where on-hand stock is now. Permanent home is where it belongs when put away.

1. Open the item. Tap its Current location path or the full-width Move item button beneath it.

2. In New location, choose the destination room and storage. To move from shelf B1 to B2, choose B2 under Label / position. Use Add label if it is new.

3. Choose a destination container if needed. Changing the shelf clears the previous container selection. Tap Confirm move to update where the on-hand units are now.

4. If this is also the new put-away location, check Make this its permanent home before confirming. You can instead tap the Permanent home path to open this mode directly. Home changes require all units to be on hand.

5. For a QR move, use Scan new location and confirm the scanned destination. To move up to 50 records together, select their cards and tap Move selected.

Before moving

The selection controls exclude archived records, records without available stock, and items currently stored inside another movable container. Move the parent container when you want its contents to follow.

Several units

A normal move changes the on-hand units' current location together. Use Split stock across locations if only some identical units are moving.

After moving

Open the item again and check Current location and Permanent home. Use the location directory to verify that the on-hand stock now appears at the destination.

A location tap opens a form; it does not move anything until you confirm. A component inside an inventoried portable container follows that container. Move the container, or edit the component to remove that relationship first.

Print QR labels and blank stickers

An item label opens one inventory record. A location label opens the room, shelf, drawer, or bin that it represents.

1. One item: open its details, tap QR label, choose 2 x 2 inches, then Save PNG, Share image, or Print label. Use the next page for Bluetooth printing.

2. One location: open the room/storage/position in Locations, choose QR label, and select the matching label size before saving or printing.

3. A sheet of item labels: filter Inventory and select the page you want, then tap Item labels. The sheet uses the records on the current page. Repeat for other pages when needed.

4. Unassigned labels: tap Blank stickers in Inventory, or Print blank location / item stickers in Locations. Print the unique codes, attach them, and link each one later.

5. In the browser's print dialog, select a printer or Save as PDF. Print a test sheet and scan a code before producing a large batch.

A QR label does not make inventory public. The scanner must still sign in and belong to the household. Scanning opens a record; checkout, return, and moving actions still require confirmation. Avoid placing QR codes across folds or curved edges.

Preferred label maker and label sizes

The preferred label maker for this guide is the SUPVAN T50M Pro Bluetooth Label Maker. HomeShelf exports label images for use in its companion printing app.

Preferred QR labels

Use 2 x 2 inch (50.8 x 50.8 mm) square labels for item and location QR codes. This is the default QR preset in HomeShelf.

Preferred barcode labels

Use 2 x 1 inch rectangular labels (50.8 x 25.4 mm) for HomeShelf barcodes. This is the default barcode preset. Each record gets a unique, compact Code 128 label ID.

If you use another label maker

The SUPVAN is optional. Choose a printer that accepts the preferred label size and can import a PNG image or print from your device. Use the same sizes above and match the stock, orientation, and page dimensions in its printing app. Check your printer supports the chosen stock before ordering.

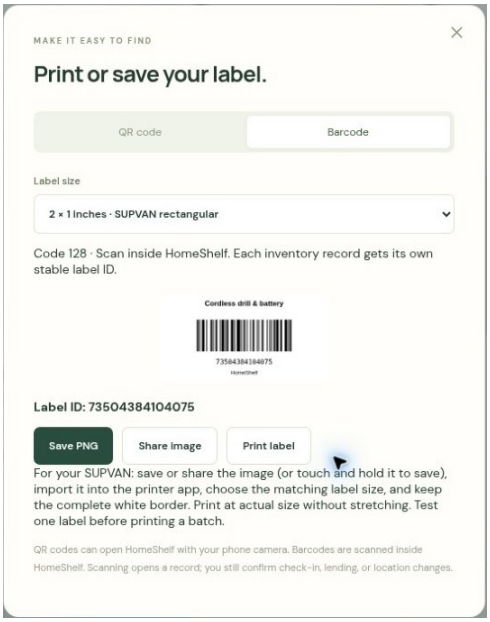
Choose label material for the surface

Use high-contrast black printing on white stock. Choose adhesive and material suited to the tool, bin, shelf, or cabinet. Protect labels from abrasion and moisture as appropriate. Keep the full white margin and avoid folds or tight curves.

HomeShelf does not pair directly with a Bluetooth printer. Save or share the label image, then print through the printer manufacturer's app. These are preferred sizes, not a promise that every label stock works with every printer.

Print with SUPVAN or another Bluetooth printer

Start with one label and confirm it scans before printing a large batch.



Actual HomeShelf barcode designer with the 2 x 1 inch rectangular preset.

1. Load the matching stock into your label maker. Pair the printer in its companion app using the manufacturer's instructions.

2. In HomeShelf, open an item or location. Choose QR label or Barcode label. Select 2 x 2 inches for the square QR stock or 2 x 1 inches for rectangular barcode stock.

3. Tap Save PNG or Share image. If needed, touch and hold the preview to save it. Find the saved image in the destination you selected.

4. Open the SUPVAN printing app, create a label with the matching size and orientation, and import the saved PNG as an image. Other printer apps may use different control names.

5. Keep the entire image and white border. Print at the intended size without stretching or cropping. Disable any setting that trims away the white margin.

6. Print one label. In HomeShelf, choose Scan QR / barcode and confirm it opens the correct item or location. Adjust print darkness, alignment, or size if needed before printing more.

To reuse a manufacturer barcode, open the item and choose Link existing sticker, then scan and confirm. Identical products can share a factory barcode: it can link to only one record per household. Print unique HomeShelf labels for separate records.

Scan a QR code or barcode

Use the in-app scanner for item lookup, location lookup, linking stickers, and assigning a location. It does not recognize the shape of an unknown tool.

1. Tap Scan QR / barcode at the top, Scan in the phone dock, or Scan an item in the sidebar.

2. Tap Start camera and allow camera access. Hold the label steady in good light. Keep the whole code and its white border in view. HomeShelf reads QR, Code 128, Code 39, EAN-13, EAN-8, UPC-A, and UPC-E.

3. When an item is recognized, its record opens. Choose Check out / lend, Return, or another action as needed.

4. When a location is recognized, view its on-hand contents or choose Add item here.

5. If the camera is unavailable, enter or paste the item ID, QR link, or sticker code under Or enter / paste a label code, then tap Look up code.

Scan barcodes inside HomeShelf. A regular phone camera can open a HomeShelf QR link, but a barcode is a label ID rather than a website link. Sign in and select the correct household. Scanning opens a record; it does not automatically lend, return, or move it.

Link an existing sticker or scan a location

Blank HomeShelf stickers and compatible existing inventory codes can be connected to records after printing.

1. Existing item: open the item and tap Link existing sticker. Start the camera or paste the code. Complete the link, then scan it again to check the result.

2. Existing location: open its location panel, choose Link existing sticker, and scan the sticker.

3. Unknown sticker: scan it from Scan QR. On Connect this sticker, choose Create item with this sticker, or choose Existing item / Existing location, select the target, and tap Link sticker.

4. New item at a labeled shelf: open Add item and tap Scan location label. Scan the location, verify its selections, complete the item details, and save.

5. Move an existing item: open it and use Scan new location. Scan a location label and confirm the move.

If linking is refused

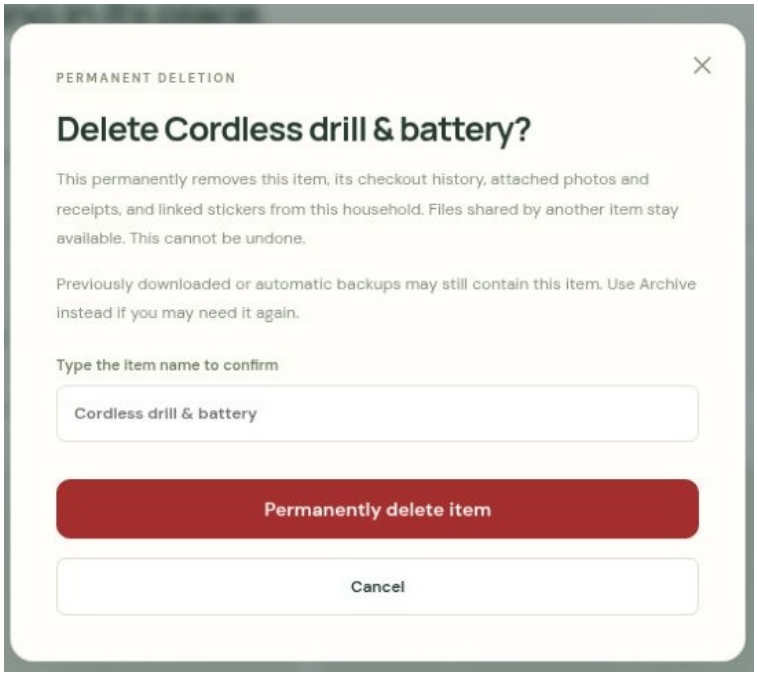
A sticker may already be linked elsewhere. Scan it again to see its current record. Do not reuse one physical code for unrelated items.

Access still applies

A label that is unavailable or belongs to another household cannot expose that household's inventory. Make sure the correct household is selected.

Delete, archive, and restore an item

Use Delete item to permanently remove an unwanted record. Use Archive item when you want to keep it for possible restoration.



Actual permanent-deletion confirmation. No customer record was deleted while capturing it.

1. Open the item and scroll to its action buttons. Tap the red Delete item button. It is also available for archived items.

2. Read the confirmation. Type the item name exactly as shown, then tap Permanently delete item. Choose Cancel to keep it.

3. Deletion removes the item, its recorded checkout history, attached files, and linked stickers from this household. Files shared by another item stay available. It cannot be undone.

4. To remove an item recoverably instead, tap Archive item and confirm. Use Undo immediately, or open Archive and choose Restore item later.

Reconnect and sync pending changes before deleting. Return all outstanding loans and remove container contents, including archived contents, first. Older downloaded or automatic backups can still contain a deleted item.

Share a household and manage members

Members share the household inventory. Their personal HomeShelf accounts remain separate. A borrower named on a loan is not automatically a household member.

1. open Household and tap Invite a member.

2. Tap Create invitation link, then Copy invite link. Share it privately with a trusted person. Links expire after seven days.

3. The recipient opens the link, creates/confirms an account or signs in, and taps Accept household invitation. The household's existing license covers them within its member limit.

4. To stop an unused link, use Active invitation links - Revoke link and confirm. Existing members remain members.

5. To remove a member, use Remove access and confirm. This also revokes existing invitation links; their recorded activity remains.

Use the household selector to switch homes. Create another household makes an independent inventory with separate members and license status. Some controls depend on household permissions. Invited members can manage the shared inventory under its active license.

Offline access and safe synchronization

Offline access is optional and enabled separately on each trusted device. It saves inventory metadata, not photos or receipts.

1. While online and signed in, open Device & reminders and tap Enable offline access on this device. Wait for the complete saved inventory to finish downloading.

2. Open the app online after updates to refresh the saved copy. When disconnected, the app can show the saved inventory and queue supported item changes.

3. Look for Viewing a saved offline copy or Changes waiting to sync. Reconnect and tap Sync / reconnect if needed.

4. If another person changed the same record, choose Review current server item. Compare it to your pending change.

5. Choose Apply my pending change to this server version only if it is still correct; otherwise choose Discard this pending change. Review each conflict before continuing.

Internet is required

Account changes, uploads, AI identification, imports, invitations, and payment require a connection. Photo and receipt viewing also requires internet.

Clear a device

Sync or deliberately discard pending changes first, then use Clear offline data from this device. Signing out clears local device data as well.

Shared devices

Do not enable offline storage on a public device. Access changes made on another device cannot be checked until this device reconnects.

Return reminders and automatic backups

Open Device & reminders. Available controls depend on your household permissions; each device needs its own notification permission.

1. Choose the correct Time zone. Scheduled return reminders are evaluated for 9 AM in that zone, for loans due tomorrow or sooner.

2. To use push reminders, open the installed HomeShelf app on iPhone, then tap Enable reminders on this device. Allow notifications and confirm Push return reminders is enabled.

3. Repeat on another supported device if desired. Up to three devices are supported per account and household.

4. Enable Email reminders to my verified account address only if the option is available. A disabled option means app reminder delivery is not configured.

5. Under Automatic recovery backups, enable automatic backups. Download an important recovery copy from the list to keep it separately.

Return reminders in the app

Items out lists loans with due dates, including overdue entries. Open a due entry to return the correct loan. Notification text shows counts rather than borrower names.

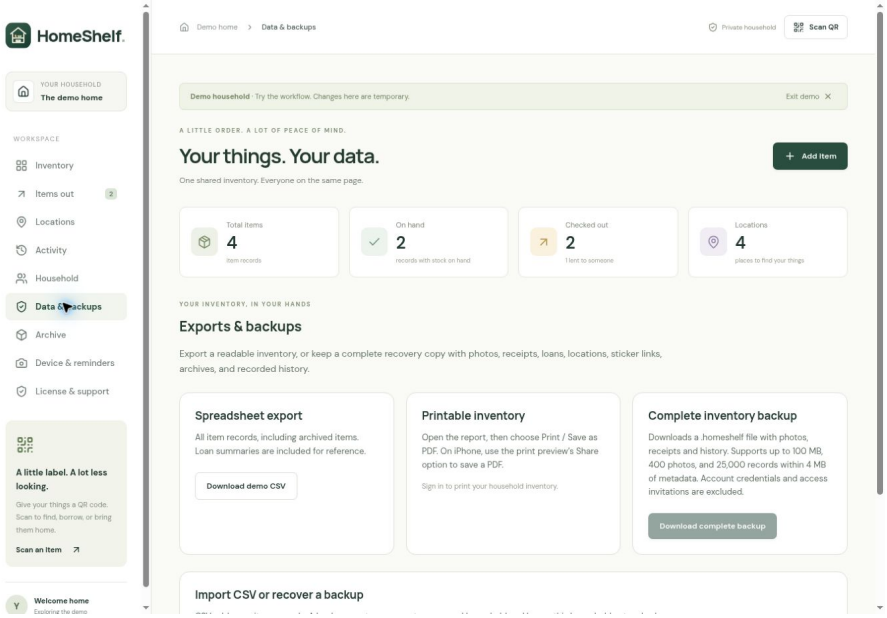
Backup retention

Automatic backups are optional. HomeShelf keeps up to seven recent recovery copies, each with a 30-day expiry. Review the expiry shown beside a copy and download important copies separately. A newly enabled household may not have a copy immediately.

Check Device & reminders for available delivery options. If email reminders are unavailable, the app will indicate this. Phone notifications require permission on your device.

Export an inventory or print a report

Exports remain available when a household becomes read-only. Use a full recovery backup when you need to preserve files and history.



Exports & backups screen in the demo. Signed-in households show Download CSV and Print / Save PDF.

1. Open Data & backups.

2. Tap Download CSV for a spreadsheet-friendly inventory. It includes archived item records and loan summaries for reference.

3. Tap Print / Save PDF to open the printable inventory report in another tab.

4. Use the browser's Print option and choose a printer or Save as PDF. On iPhone, use the print preview's Share option to save or share a PDF.

5. Check the downloaded filename and open the file to verify it before relying on it.

CSV is not a complete backup. It does not restore photos, QR links, loan transactions, or full history. A printable report is a readable snapshot, not an import file. Save a .homeshelf recovery copy for complete recovery.

Import inventory from a CSV file

CSV import adds new on-hand stock records to the selected household. It does not merge edits into existing records.

1. Download a HomeShelf CSV export to use as a column template. Keep the required name and home_location columns.

2. Fill one row per item record. Optional columns include category, current_location, quantity, item_type, container, notes, accessories, condition, and archived.

3. Use consistent location paths and whole-number quantities. A CSV container reference must match one container/kit row in that same file.

4. With an active license, open Data & backups and choose the .csv file under Import CSV or recover a backup.

5. Review the count and preview, tick the reviewed-file confirmation, and tap Import these items. Check the added inventory afterward.

Important differences

CSV rows become new on-hand stock. Loan summaries in an export are informational and are not restored as active loans. Photos, receipts, QR links, and full history require a recovery backup.

Avoid duplicates

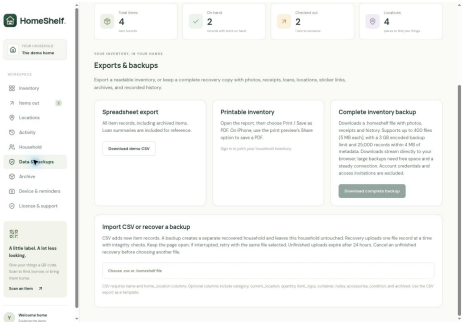
Importing the exact same file twice into the same household is blocked. A modified CSV is a different file and may create duplicate records. Keep a backup before large imports.

If rejected

Check required headers, location paths, quantities, duplicate container names, and container cycles. Correct the file and review the preview again.

Download and recover a complete backup

A .homeshelf file includes inventory, photos, receipts, loans, locations, sticker links, archives, and recorded history. It excludes account credentials, access invitations, and payment licenses.



Actual demo backup screen showing complete downloads and the file-by-file recovery workflow.

1. open Data & backups and tap Download complete backup. Wait for the download to finish and keep the file in a safe place.

2. Choose that .homeshelf file under Import CSV or recover a backup. Keep the page open and maintain a steady internet connection.

3. Review the item and file counts. Enter a Recovered household name.

4. Tick the confirmation and tap Recover into new household. Follow the upload progress. The new household appears only after verification; the original is left untouched.

5. Select the recovered household and verify items, attachments, locations, and loans. Only your account gets access initially; reinvite members as needed and check its separate license status.

Size and storage limits

The encoded backup limit is 3 GB, with up to 400 saved files, 5 MB per file, and 25,000 records within 4 MB of metadata. Large backups need sufficient free device space and a steady connection. The maximum transfer size has not been verified on every phone.

If interrupted

Retry with the same file still selected and keep the recovery page open. You can cancel an unfinished recovery before choosing another file. Unfinished upload sessions expire after 24 hours; this is not a recovery that resumes across different browsers.

Old stickers after recovery

Use the in-app scanner with the recovered household selected. A direct phone-camera link may still open the original record while that household exists.

Do not treat a backup as proof of a paid license. A recovered household does not copy the original's membership or payment entitlement. Keep downloaded copies separate from the device you are backing up.

Activity, service status, and support

Recorded activity helps explain who changed an item, when it moved, and what happened to a checkout.

1. Open Activity to browse household changes. Each entry includes the item, action, actor, and date/time, with borrower information where relevant.

2. For one item, open it and scroll to Item history. Use Load older activity when available.

3. Open License & support to review the household's access state and service status.

4. Tap Download support diagnostics when troubleshooting. The report contains service/status information and device capabilities, not your item list, passwords, or API keys.

5. Choose Contact support, or visit https://homeshelf.nextsetventures.com/support. Email info@nextsetventures.com. Include your account email, device/browser, action attempted, and visible error. For purchase or refund questions, include your receipt reference.

Before reporting an issue

Record the action you tried, the visible error, device/browser, whether you were online, and whether the household license is active. Do not include passwords, reset links, or payment-card details.

Current included limits

Up to 10 household members, 400 saved files per household, up to 5 MB per extra file, and 30 photo-identification attempts per household per day. Upload rate/storage protections also apply. Check the license screen for current limits.

Storage and daily usage

License & support shows household file usage, daily upload and identification attempts, and backup status. Hidden attachments and files on archived records still count. Current upload protections allow up to 100 attempts and 500 MB per household per day; daily identification attempts reset on the service UTC day.

Troubleshooting: accounts, payments, camera

Use the visible error message to choose the next step.

Email or password incorrect

Confirm the email address and use the eye icon to inspect the entered password. Autofill may use a different saved account for a new domain. Use Forgot password? and only the newest reset email if needed.

Reset link expired or opens incorrectly

Request a fresh reset email and open its newest link once. Try the browser used to request it. If it still fails, report the visible page and error without sharing the full recovery link.

Purchased but still read-only

Check the household selector and License & support. Confirm payment actually completed in Stripe, then reopen the license screen. Do not submit another payment while checking the status of your completed purchase.

Camera cannot start

Check camera permission for the browser/HomeShelf, use HTTPS, and close other apps using the camera. Try bright light and a clean lens. Use the manual code field if needed.

QR opens the wrong or unavailable item

Confirm the right household and account. Check whether the sticker was already linked elsewhere. Try the in-app scanner; access to another household is never granted by a sticker.

AI identification fails

Check connection, active license, photo upload, and daily limit. Use one clear object in the frame. Read the returned error; do not save an unreliable name as a confirmed identification.

Troubleshooting: stock, files, and devices

Most apparent missing-data issues can be checked without deleting anything.

I cannot find an item

Clear search and category/status/location filters. Check Archive, the household selector, and whether you are viewing an old offline copy. Reconnect before concluding the record is missing.

I cannot archive, move, or reduce quantity

Return outstanding loans first where required. An item may be inside a container; move the parent or edit its relationship. A quantity cannot contradict outstanding stock.

A photo or receipt is missing

Reconnect: files are not stored offline. Open Show hidden attachments. Check the saved item rather than an unsaved form, and verify file type/size limits if uploading failed.

Pending changes or conflict warning

Do not clear browser storage or sign out. Reconnect, inspect the pending change and current server item, then deliberately apply or discard the pending version.

No notification arrived

Check a due date exists, reminder settings, time zone, phone notification permission, and supported installed-app mode on iPhone. Email reminders are separate from account email and may be unavailable.

Printable labels or report look wrong

Use print preview, test one sheet, and adjust printer paper/scale settings. Check a printed code scans before attaching many labels. Printer dialogs and adhesive label stock vary.

The phone opens an old address

Open homeshelf.nextsetventures.com in Safari, save that address to the Home Screen, and use the new icon. Confirm pending offline changes are synced before removing old browser data.

Practice checklist: one complete workflow

Use a real household with active access. Choose a harmless test item and keep its location simple.

1. Create a location: Garage - Tool chest - D1. Add a tool there with quantity 1 and an accessories checklist.

2. Add a clear photo. Try Identify this photo, review the result, and save the corrected item.

3. Print its item label and the D1 location label. Scan each from inside HomeShelf and confirm the correct result.

4. Check the tool out using Lend to someone, a borrower name, and an expected return date. Find the loan under Items out.

5. Return the tool, record condition/accessories, and choose its return location. Check that outstanding is zero and on-hand is one.

6. Move it to another shelf, then change it back. Check the difference between Current location and Permanent home.

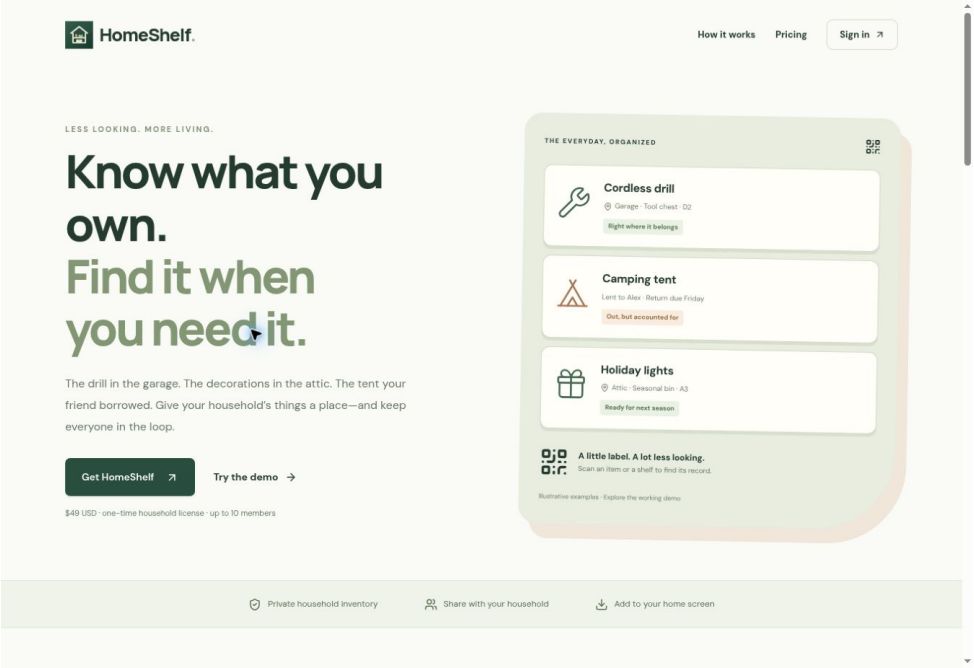
7. Archive the test record, restore it from Archive, and confirm its details remain.

8. Download CSV, open the printable report, and download a complete backup. Verify the files exist before ending the session.

You now know the core cycle: add - locate - label - scan - lend - return - recover. For everyday use, add items a little at a time and label the storage areas you use most often.

The website, demo, and your real inventory

The public product page explains HomeShelf before you create an account. Its First impressions section presents feedback with its context: user, demonstration, or team member. Use the arrows or swipe when several comments are available. A returning signed-in customer normally opens the Home overview; choose Inventory to browse item records.



Actual public product page. The pictured items are illustrative examples.

1. Open homeshelf.nextsetventures.com. Choose Try the demo to explore fictional records without creating a household.

2. Use Get HomeShelf to create your account, confirm your email, and create your own private household.

3. Purchase through License & support, then verify the license is active before adding real inventory.

4. Save the same website to your Home Screen if you want an app icon. Saving it does not make a purchase or copy the demo inventory.

Demo changes are temporary. Your real household is separate. Signed-in access and an active household license are different: a remembered sign-in does not itself prove that a license has been purchased.

Automatic backup expiry and keeping your copies

Automatic copies are a recovery aid. Keep a separate downloaded .homeshelf file for records you need to retain.

1. Open Device & reminders and enable automatic recovery backups if available to your account.

2. Review the latest successful copy and any backup warning under the settings or usage panel. A queued attempt is not a finished copy.

3. Review each listed copy's expiry. Download important copies before they expire; the service retains up to seven copies and expires each after 30 days.

4. After downloading, check the file exists on your device or chosen backup destination. Keep it private: it can include photos, receipts, borrower details, and history.

Deleting an individual item

Previously created backups can still contain it until those copies rotate out or expire. Restoring an older copy can bring that record back in a separate recovered household.

Older copies

Copies already stored when expiry was introduced received a 30-day grace period. Expired copies cannot be downloaded even if background file cleanup is still retrying.

Closing a household

Its live records and backup listings are removed, and file cleanup is queued with retries. Provider failures can delay physical removal. Copies you downloaded or shared remain outside HomeShelf's control.

Delete one household and keep your account

Use this only when you want to remove an entire household, rather than one inventory item. Export what you need first.

1. Reconnect, sync pending changes, and download a complete backup from Data & backups. Check the download before continuing.

2. Open License & support, then Manage account & household closure. The same page is linked from the public Support page.

3. Under What would you like to close?, choose One household; keep my account.

4. Select an eligible household. You must have the required management permission and be its only member. Shared households cannot be deleted through this option.

5. Type its exact name, enter your current HomeShelf password, and tick the acknowledgment after reading the effects.

6. Choose Permanently delete this household. Read the result. Your account remains open; the deleted household cannot be restored in place.

Deletion removes the household's live inventory. Files and automatic backups are queued for cleanup with retries. Closing does not automatically refund a license payment. Use Cancel and return to my inventory if you are unsure.

Close your HomeShelf account

Account closure removes your access to every household. It is different from signing out or deleting one item.

1. While online, sync pending offline changes and export the records you need. Use your current password; reset it first if you have forgotten it.

2. Open Manage account & household closure. Choose My account and all its memberships.

3. Review every household listed. Where you are the only member responsible for a household, type its exact name to confirm deletion.

4. For a shared household you manage, select an existing member to take responsibility before you leave. Its inventory and household license remain with that household. Other shared memberships end without deleting their inventory.

5. Type CLOSE MY ACCOUNT, enter your current HomeShelf password, and tick the acknowledgment.

6. Choose Permanently close my account. Read the accepted result. Access closes immediately; account identity and file cleanup use automatic retries.

What can remain

Shared history can retain past names and borrower notes. Required transaction records and minimal security markers may remain. Downloaded or externally shared copies cannot be remotely erased.

If a step fails

Read the visible error. Refresh if household membership changed, reconnect if offline, or contact support from your account email. Do not treat an error as confirmation that closure finished.

Do not perform this as a practice exercise. Account closure is permanent, and it does not automatically issue a refund. You can cancel before submitting.

Your welcome email and the latest manual

After a household license activates, HomeShelf queues a welcome email for the verified account that activated it. Invited members do not each trigger another welcome email.

1. Watch for Welcome to HomeShelf - your household is ready. Sending normally begins within 15 minutes of activation. Delivery can take longer; check junk or spam if it is missing.

2. Open the attached HomeShelf_User_Manual_v43_2026-11-01.pdf. The email identifies the manual version and update date.

3. Compare the version on the PDF cover or page footer with homeshelf.nextsetventures.com/manual. That page always identifies the current edition.

4. Use View the latest user manual in any welcome email, or User manual under License & support. Download the current PDF when a newer edition is listed.

5. An attachment already received stays that edition. You do not need to purchase again to get the current manual. Contact info@nextsetventures.com for help.

Automatic updates

Each app release builds a reviewed manual with its version and date. The current PDF is available under License & support. Welcome emails and the one-week check-in attach the current edition when their first sending attempt begins. A retry keeps the same edition to avoid duplicate delivery. Previously received attachments do not change.

Welcome emails come from the automated HomeShelf sender. Its inbox is not monitored. Email delivery is separate from license access: a delayed or missing email does not deactivate your household. The manual is also available from the public Help & support page.