Kubernetes Commands on Amazon Linux - Cheat Sheet

1■■ Basic Kubernetes Commands

Purpose	Command
Show cluster info	kubectl cluster-info
Show version	kubectl versionshort
List all nodes	kubectl get nodes
List all pods	kubectl get pods -A
Describe a pod	kubectl describe pod <pod-name></pod-name>
Get services	kubectl get svc
Get deployments	kubectl get deployments

2**■■** Create, Apply, Delete Resources

Purpose	Command
Apply YAML file	kubectl apply -f <file>.yaml</file>
Create resource	kubectl create -f <file>.yaml</file>
Delete resource	kubectl delete -f <file>.yaml</file>
Run pod	kubectl run nginximage=nginx

3■■ Debug & Logs

Purpose	Command
View pod logs	kubectl logs <pod-name></pod-name>
Stream logs	kubectl logs -f <pod-name></pod-name>
Exec into pod	kubectl exec -it <pod-name> /bin/bash</pod-name>
Describe node	kubectl describe node <node-name></node-name>

4**■■** Services & Networking

Purpose	Command
List services	kubectl get svc
Port forward	kubectl port-forward <pod> 8080:80</pod>
Get endpoints	kubectl get endpoints

5■■ Namespaces

Purpose	Command
List namespaces	kubectl get ns
Create namespace	kubectl create ns dev
Switch namespace	kubectl config set-contextcurrentnamespace=dev

Delete namespace	kubectl delete ns dev
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6■■ Amazon EKS Commands

Purpose	Command	
List EKS clusters	aws eks list-clusters	
Update kubeconfig	aws eks update-kubeconfigregion <region>name <</region>	cluster>
Get nodegroups	eksctl get nodegroupcluster <cluster></cluster>	
Describe cluster	aws eks describe-clustername <cluster></cluster>	

7■■ Useful Shortcuts

Purpose	Command
Show pods + node info	kubectl get pods -o wide
All resources	kubectl get all -A
Top nodes	kubectl top nodes
Top pods	kubectl top pods
Switch context	kubectl config use-context <name></name>