

THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST



2 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

Create a Moving Binder. This can be a physical binder, or Google Drive folder! This is where you'll keep all your to-do lists, receipts, contracts and any other files you need for your move

Decide on a moving budget

Request time off for moving day

Plan to get rid of items you don't need

- Garage Sale

- Donations

- Trash

Create a Room-By-Room inventory for insurance

Research and choose schools and doctors

- Request transcripts for your kids, get medical records for the whole family

Get updated pet records, find out if you will need to license your pet in your new home

Back Up Computers, Files and Photos

- Organize and pack financial and legal records, and make sure you have copies in case anything happens to them



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6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Choose your moving company

Read all contracts before you sign them

Confirm your moving company's DOT number

Tell important parties about your move

Request a change of address from the post office

Notify your children's current schools, your doctor and other service providers

Talk to your insurance company, and find out if you need to switch or change your policy

Notify utility companies, tv and internet providers that you will need to stop or change service.

Notify subscription services about your change of address

Measure doorways, stairways, and elevators to make sure all your furniture will fit.

Order packing supplies, or begin collecting free boxes from friends and local businesses

Ask if there are requirements for moving from your landlord

Give them your new address for your safety deposit check

Address any important home repairs

Have vehicles serviced if you're moving long-distance

Label your moving boxes, marking those for fragile items and numbering all the boxes

Pack a little bit each day to make packing easier

Start with items you rarely use, such as seasonal decorations!

Research your new community

Spend time with family and friends, especially if you are moving far away



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1 MONTH BEFORE MOVING

Reserve your moving date with your chosen moving company

Make travel arrangements if flying or staying in a hotel before your move

Pack important documents such as birth certificates and passports to keep with you during the move, so they are easy to get to if you need them!

Plan out where furniture will be in your new home.

Measure furniture and room dimensions if possible, to create a layout

Fill any prescriptions you need and make sure you'll have enough to last until you have a new doctor/pharmacy

Transfer your bank and credit card accounts to your new address

Set up tv and internet accounts for your new home

Schedule any required installations and a start date

Confirm parking options for your moving truck – you may need a permit for moving day.

Purchase moving insurance: this will protect your belongings en route!

Start the process of enrolling your kids in their chosen school

Make a moving day playlist!



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Confirm your move in day with your real estate agent

Confirm moving day plans with your moving company

Begin packing in earnest

Create a list of the items in each box, and keep it in your moving binder

Return library books and anything you've borrowed from friends

Collect anything you've loaned to friends, things in storage and anything you have in safety deposit boxes

Discontinue regular services like newspaper delivery, trash pick-up and lawn service.

Schedule servicing for any appliances that are moving with you

Make a moving plan for large items, such as your swing set, trampoline and satellite TV antenna

If you have house plants, decide how they will be shipped

Make a "Moving Day Bag"

Include snacks for the drive, clothes, medications, toiletries and any electronics you will need. These will go with you, not on the truck!

Confirm the end date for utilities, phone and tv services at your current residence.

Confirm the start date for services in your new home!

Cancel or transfer your gym membership

Start using up food in your pantry and freezer.

Don't buy much at the store right now; you don't want to have to throw out food on moving day, or pay extra to move nonperishable foods.

Arrange for child and pet care during your move to keep them safe and happy

Have your mail forwarded

Clean outdoor furniture and bring it inside, so it is clean for the move.

Have a moving party! Celebrate with friends about this new chapter in your life!

Important: DISPOSE of flammable items, bleach, cleaning fluids and aerosol cans. DO NOT pack these.

For Social Security Beneficiaries: change your address for benefits within 10 days of moving by notifying the SSA, the department of Veterans Affairs and the IRS



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THE WEEK OF YOUR MOVE

Use up all your frozen foods, or gift them to family and friends
Clean out your refrigerator. If moving the fridge, defrost and dry before moving day
Donate nonperishable foods that you can't take with you.

Take out cash for tipping your moving crew

Finish packing everything but the essentials to get you to moving day

Confirm your travel plans

Say goodbye to neighbors

Begin cleaning empty rooms
Double check shelves and closets for any items you've missed

Collect keys and garage door openers to give to your real estate agent for the new owners

Check the weather for your moving day, and be prepared for rain or snow

Take photos of your home for insurance purposes, just in case!

Make sure your credit card company knows you are moving. Purchases in a new location can cause your card to be flagged or declined!

Pack a suitcase to live out of for the last couple days before the move (and until you've unpacked the rest of your clothes in your new home)

Schedule a final walkthrough of your home with the real estate agent

Dispose of any debris you are leaving behind

Pack outdoor items. Be sure to drain gasoline from any outdoor equipment!

Make a "worst case scenario" plan in case your movers run late

Pack supplies that you'll need immediately in a separate box to be unloaded first at your new home.

Drain your outdoor hose, as well as the hoses for your washing machine and ice maker, if taking appliances with you.



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MOVING DAY

Check all your boxes, make sure they are properly closed and labeled

Double-check your home to make sure you didn't miss anything!

Plan to be home when your movers arrive

Check the USDOT number on the side of your moving truck. It must match the number on the contract you signed! This will help you avoid moving scams.

Protect your floors and carpets

Sign the movers' inventory list and get a copy to ensure that nothing is lost en route.

Turn off lights, lock all windows and doors as you leave. If you are renting, drop off your keys with your building manager!

Make sure you have your "moving day bag" with enough supplies to hold you over until the unpacking is complete

Get to your new home early and check that utilities are connected

Make a safe path for movers to navigate

Remember to tip your movers!

Thank your real estate agent

Make your bed, unpack the necessities and take a nap! You did it!!



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AFTER THE MOVE

Try to unpack within 2 weeks of living at your new home. Take it slow, but don't let boxes just sit there!

Set up your home security

Change the locks if possible

Have a housewarming party!

Make a note of any immediate home repairs that need to be made

Clean your new home and check the status of your appliances, furnace, pipes and chimney

Consider cleaning the carpets

Hang on to receipts from your move and make sure there are no discrepancies in your charges

If you've moved to a new state or county, update your:

License

Voter registration

Car insurance, title and registration

Get new checks with your updated address!

Settle in and get to know your new home and community!

Leave a review of your experience with your moving company

