



MOVING CHECKLIST

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6 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

- ☐ Start a file of moving paperwork, receipts & expenses. You might be able to use some for tax credits.
- ☐ If using a mover; contact moving companies for estimates. Schedule them.
- ☐ If moving yourself; contact truck rental companies for estimates & schedule. Ask friends & family to help on moving day.
- ☐ Make storage arrangements (*if necessary*).
- ☐ Purchase or pick up moving materials: most moving/storage companies have boxes & supplies for sale, ask your employer, friends & family to hold any boxes at work for you.
- ☐ If moving out of town: get referrals from your doctor, dentist, eye dr. for your new area.
- ☐ If moving out of the area: prepare to transfer your safety deposit box contents to a new bank branch and prepare to transfer any financials you need to.
- ☐ Make sure all necessary documents are accounted for to make your move easier: birth certificates, passports, insurance records, medical & dental records, legal information, academic records, etc.
- ☐ For pets, if you're moving out of the area: make sure your pet is up-to-date on all immunizations and transfer or get a copy of your veterinary records.
- ☐ For kids, if you're moving out of their school district: arrange to transfer school records.
- ☐ Begin to remove clutter, closets & drawers.
- ☐ Have a garage sale, sell or donate unwanted/unneeded pieces of furniture, etc.
- ☐ Start to pack: seasonal clothing, decorations, items you don't use much...
- ☐ Use up food & supplies that cannot be moved.
- ☐ If you're moving out of town/state: arrange for travel arrangements (*flights, hotel rooms, etc.*).

1 MONTH BEFORE THE MOVE

- ☐ Schedule transfer/disconnection of utility services at old home and new connection at new house: phone, cable, internet, electricity, gas, water, etc.
- ☐ Arrange for cleaning before closing: carpets, house, windows, etc.

3 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

- ☐ Fill out USPS change of address card(s), you can do this online.
- ☐ If moving out of the area: properly dispose of items that cannot be moved (*paints, cleaners, propane, flammables*).
- ☐ If moving out of the area: prepare auto. & drivers licensing & registration.
- ☐ Notify friends & family of new address.
- ☐ For small kids and pets: arrange child care or pet care for moving day.
- ☐ Start a file for the new homeowner of your old house: manuals, maintenance, etc.



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2 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

- ☐ If moving yourself: finish most of the packing.
- ☐ Cancel newspaper.
- ☐ Cancel lawn services at old house.
- ☐ Change address at: bank, credit cards, employer, clinics, dentists, hospitals, etc.
- ☐ If moving out of the area: service your automobile(s).
- ☐ If moving out of the area: transfer prescriptions. Be sure to have enough medication on hand.

WEEK OF MOVE

- ☐ If using a mover: confirm the date and time with the moving company.
- ☐ If renting a moving truck: confirm the moving truck and confirm friends & family that will be helping.
- ☐ Finish packing the last of your items.
- ☐ If using a mover: let the movers pack your belongings.
- ☐ If moving out of town: confirm travel arrangements.
- ☐ Pack travel kit:
 - ☐ Travel: passports, birth cert., ID, keys, flashlight, tools, papers for movers.
 - ☐ Baby/child care: diapers, stroller, car seat, medications, clothing, toys.
 - ☐ Kitchen: paper/plastic utensils & dishes, food.
 - ☐ Personal: bedding, clothing, toiletries, medications, bandages.
 - ☐ Suitcase: have items on hand in case movers are delayed with belongings.
- ☐ If moving out of town: settle any bills with local businesses.
- ☐ Banking: transfer all financial and safe deposit box contents to new branch.
- ☐ If moving yourself: dismantle beds and large furniture, finish last minute packing.
- ☐ Defrost freezer and refrigerator.
- ☐ Drain water hoses, drain power equipment of oil and gas.
- ☐ Disconnect and prepare major appliances for move.
- ☐ Set aside items to travel with you to prevent them from being loaded into the moving truck.

MOVING DAY

- ☐ For kids and pets: drop off kids and pets at pre-arranged care site.
- ☐ Do a final clean of old home.
- ☐ If using a mover: be sure someone is at old house to answer questions until they are all loaded up.
- ☐ If moving yourself: be sure friends and family that are helping are fed.
- ☐ Go to closing to sign paperwork.



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MOVING TRUCK DELIVERY DAY

- ☐ If moving out of town, be sure someone is at your new home when the truck arrives.
- ☐ Check boxes & belongings for damage.
- ☐ Pay the driver, if applicable.
- ☐ Direct placement of items.
- ☐ Have cash on hand for tips.

ODDS & ENDS

- ☐ Install new batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your new home.
- ☐ Have your locks re-keyed.
- ☐ Re-code your keyless garage door opener.
- ☐ Change your driver's license to show correct address.