MOVING CHECKLIST

8 WEEKS BEFORE

☐ Research types of moving services
☐ Research new banks, doctors, & schools
☐ Research your rights on the US DOT
☐ Check credibility of moving companies
☐ Make a list of questions to ask moving companies
☐ Get moving estimates
☐ Create a moving binder for receipts, etc.
☐ Make note of tax-deductible expenses
☐ Make a moving budget
☐ Find a roommate
☐ Explain the move to your kids
☐ Give your landlord notice
☐ Host a garage sale

6 WEEKS BEFORE

☐ Check that the moving co. has a DOT #
☐ Reserve a storage unit
☐ Request time off for work
☐ Choose school for kids
☐ Notify schools of your move
☐ Get transcripts and school records
☐ Decide what appliances to take
☐ Figure out how to move special items
☐ Make a packing schedule
☐ Research packing tips/ hacks
☐ Pack a little every day
☐ Label boxes & mark for fragile items
☐ Create inventory sheet of all valuables
☐ Take photos of all electronics before unplugging them
☐ Measure doorways & staircases
☐ Do any home repairs
☐ Service your vehicle

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4 WEEKS BEFORE

☐ Book a truck rental
☐ Buy moving insurance
☐ Confirm parking options for moving truck
☐ Gather all important documents
☐ Request vet records & pet medication
☐ Have a safe box
☐ Take photos of furniture in case of damage during the move
☐ Order all moving supplies
☐ Use or donate items you’re not bringing with you
☐ Make a moving day playlist
☐ Figure out temporary housing
☐ Book your car shipping service
☐ Decide what to do with plants
☐ Ask friends to help with DIY move
☐ Find new service providers

2 WEEKS BEFORE

☐ Return borrowed items
☐ Recycle/ dispose of flammable items
☐ Prep 2 weeks worth of meals
☐ Use everything in the freezer
☐ Clear storage units, safe deposit boxes, and any lockers
☐ Refill prescriptions
☐ Back up computer
☐ Send out moving announcements
☐ Clean outdoor furniture
☐ Order any new furniture
☐ Reconfirm moving arrangements
☐ Get a babysitter/ petsitter for the move
☐ Make list of new emergency service providers for your new home
☐ Have rugs cleaned
☐ Schedule painters for new home
☐ Set up trash removal & recycling

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WEEK OF THE MOVE

☐ Empty oil & gas from grills, heaters, etc.
☐ Donate unopened food
☐ Pack remaining items
☐ Disassemble furniture
☐ Drain water hoses
☐ Unplug fridge & freezer day before move
☐ Schedule utility turn-offs
☐ Schedule clean of old house after move
☐ Protect the floors for the move
☐ Take photos of the empty house
☐ Cancel / redirect scheduled deliveries
☐ Make a plan B for the move
☐ Check weather for rain, ice, or snow
☐ Pack an essentials box
☐ Pack a suitcase for a few days
☐ Withdraw cash to tip your movers
☐ Get the keys to your new home
☐ Protect floors in new home for the move

MOVING DAY

☐ Meet the movers
☐ Provide refreshments
☐ Supervise the load-in
☐ Do a final sweep of the house
☐ Verify damaged / missing items
☐ Tip your movers 10-15%
☐ Have movers sign Bill of Lading
☐ Start unpacking
☐ Take photos of damage for your records
☐ Assemble furniture
☐ Take inventory

POST-MOVE DAY

☐ Unpack
☐ Get groceries
☐ Change the locks
☐ Check the smoke alarm
☐ Baby-proof
☐ Install new home security
☐ Get the know neighbors/ neighborhood
☐ Check on the return of security deposit
☐ Make copies of the new keys
☐ Thank everyone who helped your move
☐ Leave a review of the moving company

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