



MOVING CHECKLIST

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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

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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 to 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