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THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST

This is our in-depth moving checklist. Since situations vary considerably, go through this list and cross off tasks that don't apply to your situation. Utilize this however you'd like and good luck on the new chapter in your life!

2 Months Before

- Create a moving folder

Keep track of receipts, estimates, dates, tax-deductible expenses, and photos. Start a physical folder as well as digital folder that can be easily accessible from the cloud.

- Research moving services

Ask about cancellation policies, liability coverage, and check the Better Business Bureau status as well as their Google reviews.

- Visit your new community

- Budget for your move

- Research schools

- Find a roommate

- Give notice to your landlord (often 60 days before move)

- Discuss move with children

Respect their feelings as they might be overwhelmed by a move, especially if it is outside of their current community. Make note of everything they might need or things they want to do before moving.

6 Weeks Before



Schedule move Moving Date: _____

Hire professional movers

Verify their Department of Transportation Number

Number: _____

Ask friends to help and schedule a date with them

Book rental truck

Reserve a storage unit

Collect moving supplies

Order your supplies online and/or get your boxes for free from local stores. Liquor stores are a great option!

Make travel arrangements

Notify schools

Enroll in new schools

Organize and transfer school records

Take measurements for large items at your old and new home

1 Month Before



- Use up frozen, refrigerated, or other foods that you don't want to transport
- Pack up items that aren't often used
- Sort items into keep, sell, donate, and toss
- Organize a garage sale
- Donate gently-used items after garage sale
- Sell appliances or schedule appliance moving services
- Update all memberships
This includes your gym, organizations you are a member of, clubs, etc.
- Schedule minor home repairs
This might help you get a full return on your deposit! Most rental homes and apartment complexes will not charge you for a repair if you request it to be completed before you move out.
- Purchase moving insurance

3 Weeks Before



Service your vehicle if driving for your move

Begin packing

Write detailed descriptions of what is in each box – color coding works best. Keep hardware together in labeled bags that are easy to access.

Take photos of electronics so you know where cords go

Gather warranty information, manuals, and instructions

Collect all small valuable items and personally transport them

Collect all important documents

Birth certificates

Medical files

Passports

Important financial files

Dispose of hazardous items (propane, paint, fertilizers, etc.)

Confirm moving date with moving company and/or friends

Secure temporary housing or hotels

Make arrangements to move your vehicle if moving separately

Clean your car of all belongs including spare tires

Notify friends and family

- Notify service providers
- Notify and cancel utilities
- Set up utilities for new home
- Request time off work for move
- Fill out a Change of Address form with the USPS
Go to [USPS.com/move](https://usps.com/move)

2 Weeks Before



- Arrange for child care during move
- Arrange for pet care during move
 - Visit the vet
 - Get all shot records
 - Get sedation meds if necessary
 - Updated pet id tags and leashes
- Arrange transportation or re-homing of plants
- Pay any outstanding parking tickets
- Change address
 - Social security
 - Medicare
 - Banking institutions
 - Credit cards
 - Loans
 - Subscription shipments
 - IRS
 - Car insurance
 - Health insurance
 - Homeowners / Renter's insurance
 - Payroll
 - Magazines & Newspapers
- Secure new insurance (health, car, homeowners, renters, etc.)
- Forward medical records
- Secure a parking spot for a moving truck (permit if necessary)
- Schedule maintenance and painters for new home
- Make a moving day playlist (or cross-country drive playlist)

1 Week Before



- Order new furniture and decor
- Clean old home
- Clean all appliances
 - Defrost the freezer if moving it
 - Drain hoses to washing machine and ice maker
 - Empty oil and gas from grills, heaters, lawn mowers, and snow blowers
- Clean outdoor furniture
- Finish last-minute tasks
- Plan week of meals (without need for appliances)
- Complete a final inspection with landlord
- Take picture of your old home once it is cleaned
- Pack essentials in easy-to-access locations
- Secure final trash and recycling collection
- Properly dispose of large items that you need to toss
- Refill prescriptions and transfer future prescriptions
- Backup computer and other digital documents
- Drop off donations including furniture and unopened food

Day Before



- Pack suitcases and final essential items
- Get cash for a tip for movers
- Get bottled water
- Take inventory of belongings
- Take photos of fragile items for insurance purposes
- Plan payments (credit cards, money orders, cashier's check, etc.)
- Remove all light bulbs from lamps

Moving Day

- Protect floors and carpets for move
- Order food for friends if you're DIY-ing your move
- Do a final sweep
- Hand over keys
- Verify the Department of Transportation number day-of with the one you were given during scheduling

After Move



- Clean new house
- Unpack
- Check on security deposit from previous home
- Change the locks to your new home
- Make note of trash pickup days
- Check smoke alarms
- Schedule pest control
- Update driver's license
- Register to vote
- Baby-proof and pet-proof the new home
- Register your pet
- Go grocery shopping