

Moving Checklist

FIRST PREPARATIONS

- If renting, inform landlord.
- Create a physical or electronic "moving file" to store quotes, receipts, and records for your move.
- Decide on your type of move:
 - Full-Service: Let movers take care of loading and driving.
 - Do-It-Yourself : Rent trucks and do the move yourself and/or with friends and family
 - Hybrid: A combination of the two.
- Get quotes from a reputable moving company. The sooner you do this, the better price you will get. Confirm they are licensed and insured. Read documents before signing anything.
- Purchase moving insurance to cover all belongings during the move.
- Discuss moving fragile or dangerous items.
- Purchase furniture to be built or delivered
 - Not so fast! Make sure if you are using credit cards that it does not affect your credit or it could lose you the loan for your house! Check with your lender first!
- Research your new community for things to do and places to eat
- Make a music playlist for packing and for moving day!

PACKING

- Donate, sell, or trash unwanted belongings
- Collect boxes
 - Free from restaurants, liquor stores, and grocery stores.
 - Available for purchase from movers and hardware stores.
- Research packing hacks.
- Label moving boxes.
 - Color coding boxes with stickers, tape, etc. for each room will simplify the move.
- Mark moving boxes that are fragile
- Create inventory sheet of all valuables,
 - Electronics, jewelry, art, etc.
- Back up computer
- Take photos of electronics showing them functioning.
- Put hardware in labeled bags.

- Gather socks, t-shirts, towels, and linens. Pad Fragile items with them.
- Dispose or recycle corrosive, flammable, or poisonous items.
- Return borrowed items from friends and family.
- Return any rental items
 - Books, movies, video games, etc.
- Drop off dry cleaning
- Pick up dry cleaning
- Remove light bulbs from lamps that you are moving.
- Clean out safe deposit boxes and gym lockers.
- Clean outdoor furniture before move.
- Donate unopened food

CLEANING

- Address minor home repairs before moving out.
- Thoroughly clean your old property.
- Thoroughly clean your new place.
 - If movers are arriving on a day after you close on your home, clean before the movers arrive.

LOGISITICS

- Request time off work for moving day.
 - Try to have moving day on your "Friday" to give yourself the weekend.
- Check with HOAs about moving day restrictions.
 - Many gated communities will have restrictions on moving.
- Make travel plans.
- If moving across country, service your vehicle first.
- If shipping your car, empty it out.
- Measure doorways, stairways, and elevators to ensure that furniture will fit.
- Confirm parking options for moving truck. Check if you need a permit.
- Plan route if driving across country
- Book hotels if necessary.
- Plan your commute to work.

PAPERWORK

- Gather all financial and legal records.

- Gather birth certificates and passports.
- Decide on if you want a landscaper and if so, research services. If moving out of state to an area with snow, research snow removal.

HEALTH

- Compile medical, dental, optical for household
- Find a new doctor
- Find a new dentist
- Find specialists if needed
- Fill prescriptions
- Transfer your prescriptions to a new pharmacy

CHILDREN

- Choose school. Contact for what information is needed.
- Request transcripts for children from their old school.
- Line up a babysitter or play date for moving day.

PETS

- Line up a safe place for your pets to stay during move.
- Obtain veterinary records.
- Find a new vet.
- Obtain any necessary pet medication.
- Update ID tags for dog collars and ID chips.
- If moving out of country, confirm your pet has all necessary vaccinations.

UTILITIES

- Select Cable, Internet, and phone companies.
 - Many companies bundle services
- Set up trash removal and recycling for your new home.
- If not updating services locally, cancel current cable, internet, and phone
- Cancel current trash and recycling service.
- Transfer Utilities:
 - Water
 - Electricity
 - Gas

UPDATING ADDRESS

- Confirm scheduled deliveries are canceled or redirected.
- Let work, friends, and family know about your new address
- Update your address with:
 - Financial Institutions
 - USPS for mail forwarding
 - All governments offices
 - Newspaper and magazine subscriptions
 - DMV for driver's license
 - Amazon and other internet delivery companies
 - Auto insurance and car registration
- Update voter registration
- Transfer accounts to new home:
 - Homeowners or renters insurance
 - Gym Membership - or cancel!

LAST PREPARATIONS

- Take photographs of your now empty property to prove it's in move out condition
 - This will also help if your landlord tries to not give security deposits back
- Unplug the fridge and freezer to defrost the night before.
- Fill nail holes
- Drain water hoses to washing machine and ice maker
- Empty oil and gas from grills, heaters, lawn mowers, snow blowers
- Withdraw cash to tip movers
- Leave a note and/or small gift for new residents. Any insider tips on what is good in the area are appreciated.
- Do a final walkthrough to ensure nothing is left behind on shelves, in drawers, or closets.
- Check the weather for moving day
- Pack an essentials box for everything you will need for 24 hours.
- Make a worst-case scenario plan in case your movers are late.
- Purchase two weeks worth of meals. Freezer items will be helpful.

MOVING DAY

- Set an alarm and get up early
- Protect your floor and carpets
- Check for any damage done and then tip your movers
- Make your bed and unpack shower curtain and toiletries
- Introduce yourself to your new neighbors
- Go grocery shopping
- Cover windows with sheets for your first night if you have no blinds or curtains yet.

- Thank your real estate agent and send them a picture enjoying your new home!

AFTER THE CHAOS

- Leave a review for moving company
- Donate leftover boxes
- Clean the carpets
- Sweep chimney before using it
- Make sure address is visible from the street
- Install home security system
- Explore neighborhood
- Send thank you notes to friends and family that helped you move
- Unpack all belongings by setting deadlines
- Have all locks re-keyed or replaced
- Make spare copies of new keys.