



THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST

2 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

- ☐ Create a moving folder or Google Drive space to store receipts, contracts, and checklists
- ☐ Set a moving budget
- ☐ Request time off work for moving day
- ☐ Sort out items you no longer need
 - ☐ *Hold a garage sale*
 - ☐ *Donate what can be reused*
 - ☐ *Throw away damaged items*
- ☐ Make a room-by-room inventory for insurance
- ☐ Research and select new schools, doctors, and services
- ☐ Get updated vet records and check licensing rules for pets in the new location
- ☐ Back up important files and photos
 - ☐ *Organize important legal and financial documents and keep backup copies*

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6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

- ☐ Choose your moving company
 - ☐ *Review contracts carefully before signing*
 - ☐ *Confirm the company's registration number*
- ☐ Notify important contacts about your move
 - ☐ *Submit a change-of-address request*
 - ☐ *Inform your children's school, doctor, and other service providers*
 - ☐ *Contact your insurance company to update or transfer policies*
 - ☐ *Notify utility, internet, and TV providers*
 - ☐ *Update subscription services*
- ☐ Measure hallways, stairs, and elevators to ensure furniture fits
- ☐ Order packing materials or gather free boxes
- ☐ Check with your landlord about any move-out requirements
- ☐ Complete minor home repairs
- ☐ Service your vehicle if moving long-distance
- ☐ Label every box clearly, especially fragile items
- ☐ Pack a little each day — begin with rarely used items
- ☐ Learn about your new neighborhood
- ☐ Spend time with family and friends before you move

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1 MONTH BEFORE MOVING

- ☐ Book your moving date with your selected movers
- ☐ Arrange travel plans if flying or staying overnight
- ☐ Gather and secure important documents (passports, certificates, etc.)
- ☐ Plan where your furniture will go in the new home
 - ☐ *Measure furniture and room dimensions if possible, to create a layout*
- ☐ Refill medications and prescriptions
- ☐ Update your bank and credit card address
- ☐ Set up internet and TV services for the new home
 - ☐ *Schedule any required installations and a start date*
- ☐ Confirm parking arrangements for the moving truck
- ☐ Consider purchasing moving insurance
- ☐ Begin school enrollment steps if you have children
- ☐ Create a moving day playlist to keep things light!

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- ☐ Confirm move-in day with your real estate agent
- ☐ Reconfirm details with your moving company
- ☐ Begin serious packing
 - ☐ *Make a list of what's inside each box*
- ☐ Return borrowed items
- ☐ Collect your own items from friends or storage
- ☐ Cancel regular services like newspaper or lawn care
- ☐ Schedule maintenance for appliances you're taking
- ☐ Plan how large or heavy items will be moved
- ☐ Decide how to transport plants
- ☐ Prepare a "Moving Day Bag"
 - ☐ *Snacks, clothing, toiletries, medication, chargers*
- ☐ Confirm the stop date for utilities at your current home
- ☐ Confirm the start date for utilities at your new home
- ☐ Cancel or transfer gym memberships
- ☐ Use food in your pantry and freezer
- ☐ Arrange childcare and pet care for moving day
- ☐ Forward your mail
- ☐ Clean outdoor furniture
- ☐ Host a small "goodbye" gathering
- ☐ Safely dispose of any flammable or hazardous items
- ☐ Update your address with relevant agencies (SSA/VA/IRS if applicable)

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THE WEEK OF YOUR MOVE

- ☐ Finish using frozen foods
 - ☐ *Clean out and defrost your refrigerator if taking it with you*
- ☐ Get cash for tipping movers
- ☐ Pack everything except essentials
- ☐ Finalize travel plans
- ☐ Say goodbye to neighbors
- ☐ Clean empty rooms gradually
 - ☐ *Double-check closets and shelves*
- ☐ Gather all keys and remotes for handover
- ☐ Check weather forecasts for moving day
- ☐ Photograph the home for insurance
- ☐ Notify your credit card company about your change of location
- ☐ Pack a suitcase for the last few days
- ☐ Schedule a final walkthrough with your agent
- ☐ Dispose of any remaining trash
- ☐ Drain gasoline from outdoor equipment
- ☐ Prepare a “first-to-open” box for essential items
- ☐ Drain hoses from appliances if taking them

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MOVING DAY

- ☐ Make sure all boxes are sealed and labeled
- ☐ Do a final check of the house
- ☐ Be present when movers arrive
 - ☐ *Verify the number on the moving truck matches your contract*
- ☐ Protect floors and carpets
- ☐ Sign the movers' inventory list and get a copy
- ☐ Turn off lights and lock all doors when leaving
- ☐ Keep your "moving day bag" with you
- ☐ Arrive early at your new home to confirm utilities are active
- ☐ Clear a safe pathway for movers
- ☐ Tip your movers if satisfied
- ☐ Thank your real estate agent
- ☐ Set up your bed, unpack essentials, and rest — you made it!

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AFTER YOUR MOVE

- ☐ Try to unpack within the first 2 weeks
- ☐ Install home security
- ☐ Change locks if possible
- ☐ Host a small housewarming gathering
- ☐ List any needed home repairs
- ☐ Clean your new home and check appliances
- ☐ Save receipts from the move and verify charges
 - ☐ *Update your*
 - ☐ *Driver's license*
 - ☐ *Voter registration*
- ☐ Car insurance and registration
- ☐ Order new checks with your updated address
- ☐ Explore your new community
- ☐ Leave a review for your moving company

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