



Your Moving Checklist



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“Movers Who Care.”

Two Months Prior

- **Take photos.** Before you do anything, take photos of your home to look back on.
- **Minimize what moves with you.** Go through every room of your house and decide what stays and what goes. Don't forget the basement, attic and garage.
- **Take inventory.** Take stock of every valuable item you plan to move. Include photos, along with written descriptions.
- **Organize records.** If you have kids, make arrangements with their current schools to have their records transferred. Secure copies of everyone's medical records, as well as recommendations of doctors in your new community.
- **Talk to your kids.** Moving can be an uncertain time for children, especially if they are leaving the only home they know. Early on, begin including your kids in moving discussions, and give them an idea of what will happen on moving day.

5-6 Weeks Prior

- **Research.** Decide if you are going to move yourself or hire a moving company. When interviewing moving companies, make sure to ask if they are insured and bonded, if they hire full and part-time movers rather than temporary movers, and how they charge.
- **Finalize real estate or rental needs.** Renters, communicate with your landlord about the upcoming move. See if they have any moving-out guidelines or policies you'll need to follow.
- **Prepare to pack.** Order boxes and other packing supplies. Don't forget to buy plenty of bubble wrap and tape! Look into wardrobe and other specialty boxes as they make packing much easier.

1 Month Prior

- **Begin packing.** Pack up items you don't frequently use, and clearly label each box with the name of the room for which it is assigned.

- **Pick your moving partner.** If you decide to use a moving company, make your reservations plenty of time in advance to secure your ideal day and time.
- **Notify utility companies.** Don't pay for utilities you're not using. Notify each company of the day you are moving, and arrange for your new accounts to be started when you arrive at your new house.

1 Week Prior

- **Finish packing.** Remember to pack important and sentimental items separately so they are easily accessible. Plan on keeping this box with you personally when you move.
- **Confirm move.** Confirm the time the movers will arrive as well as other specifics and make sure you have prepared exact, written directions to your new home for the movers. Also include contact information, such as your cell phone number.
- **Clean.** To save you time, begin cleaning rooms you don't use as often. It's also a good idea to make a "survival closet" containing things for the last cleanup before you move out. For example a broom, dust cloth, dust pan, mop, etc.

Day of the Move

- **Pack your suitcase.** Pack a suitcase or use our "Day of the Move" box with essential items and clothes for the day/night. You will be exhausted after the move, and when it's time to get ready for bed, you don't want to have to dig through multiple boxes.
- **Eat a healthy breakfast.** It's going to be a long day so make sure you eat a nutrient-rich breakfast to help you stay energized during a rigorous day.
- **Initial walk-through.** Take the time for an initial walk-through with the movers. Do a thorough inventory of your items.
- **Lock up.** Walk through the entire house and make sure everything is out. Also check to make sure the windows are locked, the lights are off, and the doors are closed and locked.