

Moving Checklist

From 8 weeks before your move to your first week in the new home. Date of move: _____

8 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Pick a target move-in date and set a total moving budget.
- ☐ Decide between movers, a rental truck, or a mix, and request at least three written quotes.
- ☐ Start a moving folder (paper or digital) for quotes, receipts, leases and confirmations.
- ☐ Declutter room by room: sell, donate or throw away what you will not take.
- ☐ Research the new area: commute, neighborhoods, schools, costs and local crime data.
- ☐ Ask your school, employer and doctors what they need from you before you leave.

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Book the movers or reserve the truck for your date.
- ☐ Give notice to your landlord, or plan the sale or closing dates for your home.
- ☐ Order boxes, tape, bubble wrap and markers.
- ☐ Request time off work for packing and moving day.
- ☐ Start using up the freezer and pantry instead of restocking.

4 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Start packing rooms and items you rarely use.
- ☐ File a mail forwarding request with USPS for your move date.
- ☐ Update your address with your bank, credit cards, insurance, employer and tax accounts.
- ☐ Cancel or transfer memberships and subscriptions tied to your old address.
- ☐ Get copies of medical, dental, school and vet records and refill prescriptions.
- ☐ Schedule shut-off at the old home and start-up at the new one for power, water, gas and internet.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm date, arrival window and price with the movers or truck company in writing.
- ☐ Pack most of the house and label every box with its room and a short contents list.
- ☐ Arrange childcare and pet care for moving day.
- ☐ Plan your route and get the car serviced if you are driving a long distance.
- ☐ Set aside passports, birth certificates, jewelry, medication and laptops to carry yourself.

1 WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ Defrost the freezer and empty and clean the refrigerator.
- ☐ Pack an open-first box: toiletries, chargers, basic tools, towels, sheets, snacks and a few dishes.
- ☐ Confirm that utilities at the new home will be on when you arrive.
- ☐ Photograph the wiring behind electronics and the condition of large furniture.
- ☐ Plan cash or payment for movers, tips and last-minute supplies.

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MOVING DAY

- ☐ Walk through the home with the movers and review the inventory and paperwork before signing.
- ☐ Take photos of utility meter readings at the old home.
- ☐ Do a last walk-through of every room, closet and storage space, then lock up.
- ☐ Keep your keys, phone charger, wallet and important documents with you.
- ☐ At the new home, check that everything has been delivered before you sign off.

FIRST WEEK AFTER

- ☐ Set up beds, the bathroom and the kitchen basics first.
- ☐ Inspect your belongings for damage and report problems to the mover promptly.
- ☐ Find the water shut-off and breaker panel and test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- ☐ Change or re-key the locks.
- ☐ Finish address changes you missed and look up what your new state requires of new residents.
- ☐ Walk the neighborhood and note the nearest pharmacy, urgent care and grocery store.

Want the due dates worked out for you?

The Moving Checklist Planner: 7 tabs in Google Sheets and Excel. Type your move-in date once and every due date recalculates. \$12 one-time.

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