

2 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

Create a Moving Binder. This can be a physical binder, or Google Drive folder! This is where you'll keep all your to-do lists, receipts, contracts and any other files you need for your move
Decide on a moving budget
Get Estimates from at least 3 moving companies
Request time off for moving day
Plan to get rid of items you don't need ☐ Garage Sale ☐ Donations ☐ Trash
Create a Room-By-Room inventory for insurance
Research and choose schools and doctors Request transcripts for your kids, get medical records for the whole family
Get updated pet records, find out if you will need to license your pet in your new home
Back Up Computers, Files and Photos Organize and pack financial and legal records, and make sure you have copies in case anything happens to them



6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Choose your moving company	Have vehicles serviced if you're moving long-distance
☐ Read all contracts before you sign them	, c
☐ Confirm your moving company's DOT number	Label your moving boxes, marking those for fragile items and numbering all the boxes
Tell important parties about your move	
☐ Request a change of address from the post office	Pack a little bit each day to make packing easier
 Notify your children's current schools, your doctor and other service providers 	Start with items you rarely use, such as seasonal decorations!
\square Talk to your insurance company, and find out if you need to	
switch or change your policy	Research your new community
☐ Notify utility companies, tv and internet providers that you	
will need to stop or change service.	Spend time with family and friends, especially if you are
□ Notify subscription services about your change of address	moving far away
Measure doorways, stairways, and elevators to make sure all your furniture will fit.	
Order packing supplies, or begin collecting free boxes from	
friends and local businesses	
Ask if there are requirements for moving from your landlord	
☐ Give them your new address for your safety deposit check	
Address any important home repairs	



ONE MONTH BEFORE MOVING

Reserve your moving date with your chosen moving company
Make travel arrangements if flying or staying in a hotel before your move
Pack important documents such as birth certificates and passports to keep with you during the move, so they are easy to get to if you need them!
Plan out where furniture will be in your new home.
Fill any prescriptions you need and make sure you'll have enough to last until you have a new doctor/pharmacy
Transfer your bank and credit card accounts to your new address
Set up tv and internet accounts for your new home Schedule any required installations and a start date
Confirm parking options for your moving truck – you may need a permit for moving day.
Purchase moving insurance: this will protect your belongings en route!
Start the process of enrolling your kids in their chosen school
Make a moving day playlist!



2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Confirm your move in day with your real estate agent	☐ Confirm the start date for services in your new home!
Confirm moving day plans with your moving company	Cancel or transfer your gym membership
Begin packing in earnest ☐ Create a list of the items in each box, and keep it in your moving binder	Start using up food in your pantry and freezer. Don't buy much at the store right now; you don't want to have to throw out food on moving day, or pay extra to
Return library books and anything you've borrowed from friends	move nonperishable foods.
Collect anything you've loaned to friends, things in storage and anything you have in safety deposit boxes	Arrange for child and pet care during your move to keep them safe and happy
Discontinue regular services like newspaper delivery, trash pick-up and lawn service.	Have your mail forwarded
Schedule servicing for any appliances that are moving with you	Clean outdoor furniture and bring it inside, so it is clean for the move.
Make a moving plan for large items, such as your swing set, trampoline and satellite TV antenna ☐ If you have house plants, decide how they will be shipped	Have a moving party! Celebrate with friends about this new chapter in your life!
Make a "Moving Day Bag" ☐ Include snacks for the drive, clothes, medications, toiletries	Important: DISPOSE of flammable items, bleach, cleaning fluids and aerosol cans. DO NOT pack these.
and any electronics you will need. These will go with you, not on the truck!	For Social Security Beneficiaries: change your address for benefits within 10 days of moving by notifying the SSA, the
Confirm the end date for utilities, phone and tv services at your current residence.	department of Veterans Affairs and the IRS



THE WEEK OF YOUR MOVE

	Use up all your frozen foods, or gift them to family and friends ☐ Clean out your refrigerator. If moving the fridge, defrost and dry before moving day ☐ Donate nonperishable foods that you can't take with you.	Make sure your credit card company knows you are moving. Purchases in a new location can cause your card to be flagged or declined!
	Take out cash for tipping your moving crew	Pack a suitcase to live out of for the last couple days before the move (and until you've unpacked the rest of your clothes
	Finish packing everything but the essentials to get you to	in your new home)
	moving day	Schedule a final walkthrough of your home with the real estate agent
	Confirm your travel plans	
		Dispose of any debris you are leaving behind
	Say goodbye to neighbors	
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Ш	Begin cleaning empty rooms Double check shelves and closets for any items you've	outdoor equipment!
	missed	Make a "worst case scenario" plan in case your movers run late
	Collect keys and garage door openers to give to your real estate	
	agent for the new owners	Pack supplies that you'll need immediately in a separate box to be unloaded first at your new home.
	Check the weather for your moving day, and be prepared for rain	
	or snow	Drain your outdoor hose, as well as the hoses for your washing machine and ice maker, if taking appliances with you
	Take photos of your home for insurance purposes, just in case!	,



MOVING DAY

Ш	Check all your boxes, make sure they are properly closed and labeled
	Double-check your home to make sure you didn't miss anything!
	Plan to be home when your movers arrive Check the USDOT number on the side of your moving truck. It must match the number on the contract you signed! This will help you avoid moving scams.
	Protect your floors and carpets
	Sign the movers' inventory list and get a copy to ensure that nothing is lost en route.
	Turn off lights, lock all windows and doors as you leave. If you are renting, drop off your keys with your building manager!
	Make sure you have your "moving day bag" with enough supplies to hold you over until the unpacking is complete
	Get to your new home early and check that utilities are connected
	Make a safe path for movers to navigate
	Remember to tip your movers!
	Thank your real estate agent
	Make your bed, unpack the necessities and take a nap! You did it!!



AFTER YOUR MOVE

☐ Try to unpack within 2 weeks of living at your new home. Take it slow, but don't let boxes just sit there!
☐ Set up your home security
☐ Change the locks if possible
☐ Have a housewarming party!
 ☐ Make a note of any immediate home repairs that need to be made ☐ Clean your new home and check the status of your appliances, furnace, pipes and chimney ☐ Consider cleaning the carpets
☐ Hang on to receipts from your move and make sure there are no discrepancies in your charges
 □ If you've moved to a new state or county, update your: □ License □ Voter registration □ Car insurance, title and registration
☐ Get new checks with your updated address!
☐ Settle in and get to know your new home and community!
Leave a review of your experience with your moving company