

Preparing to Move? Here's a checklist to get you organized before, during and after you are settled in!



8 weeks before	
	Create a digital “moving” folder on Google Drive or Dropbox with quotes, receipts, and records related to your move
	Schedule at least three in-home moving estimates with a moving company
	Create a budget for moving expenses
	Read the documents from your moving company before signing anything
	Request time off work before moving
	Choose a school for your kids
	Request transcripts for your kids from their current school for their new school
	Plan and host a yard/garage sale
	Plan how to move fragile or unusual items such as pianos, fine art, guns, pool tables, safes, etc. as your moving company may not be qualified to move these items
	Confirm that your moving company is licensed and insured by verifying their Department of Transportation number (DOT number)

6 weeks before	
	Make time for friends and relatives before moving
	Collect free boxes from restaurants, grocery and office supply stores, or local bookstores
	Research packing hacks to make moving day better
	Label your moving boxes using different colored stickers/tape for each room
	Create an inventory sheet of your valuables before they go on the moving truck
	Mark moving boxes that are fragile
	Take photos of ALL your electronics before unplugging them
	Put all your hardware in labeled baggies for easy furniture reassembly
	Gather socks, t-shirts, towels, and linens to use as free packing supplies
	If you're moving into an apartment, find out if there is moving day requirements
	Address minor home repairs before moving out
	If you're moving across the country, have your vehicles serviced
	If your move requires shipping your car, don't leave anything in it!
	Measure doorways, stairways and elevators to make sure all your furniture will fit
	Research your new community for points of interest
	Pack a little bit every day

4 weeks before	
	Purchase moving insurance to cover all of your belongings during the move
	Confirm parking options for your moving truck
	Use or donate items that you cannot pack or sell, such as frozen foods, aerosol cans, and bleach
	Gather all financial, legal and medical records in one place
	Gather birth certificates and passports for everyone in your home
	Notify your homeowners or renters insurance company of your upcoming move to your new home
	Find cable and internet providers who service your new address, order service, and schedule

	your installation appointment
	Don't forget any of your clothes in the dryer
	If you're moving out of town, find a new doctor, dentist, vet, etc. in the area
	Update your voter registration
	If you're moving long distance, plan your route and book hotels
	Make sure your pets have ID tags for their collars
	Request copies of vet records and get any necessary pet medication
	Make a moving day playlist to enjoy while moving and unpacking

2 weeks before	
	Create a moving file to organize your move-related printed receipts and bills in addition to your digital moving folder
	Recycle or dispose of corrosives, flammables and poisonous items
	Prep two-weeks worth of meals and use everything in the freezer
	Return borrowed items from neighbors, friends and family
	Back up your computer
	Set up trash removal and recycling for your new home and cancel your current service
	Remove light bulbs from all the lamps you plan to move
	If you're moving far away, clean out your safe deposit box and any lockers you might have at a gym or community center
	Cancel or transfer your membership at a gym, yoga studio, etc.
	Fill your prescriptions
	Prepare a list of emergency service technicians and preferred providers
	To keep little ones safe during the move, line up a babysitter or make arrangements for a play date
	Find somewhere safe for pets to go during the move
	Send a moving announcement
	Change your address with loan providers, credit cards, banks, and payroll department at work
	Forward your mail
	Change address for Social Security benefits within 10 days of moving
	Transfer your utilities including water, electric, and natural gas
	Update your drivers license
	Update your address with Amazon and any monthly subscription boxes, newspapers, or magazines that you receive
	Change your address for auto insurance and car registration
	Clean outdoor furniture before it's moved
	Transfer your prescriptions to a new pharmacy

The week you move	
	Donate unopened food
	Cancel or redirect any scheduled deliveries
	Clean your current home for the next resident
	Unplug your fridge and freezer to defrost the night before
	Drain water hoses to your washing machine and ice maker
	Empty oil and gas from grills, heaters, lawn mowers, and snow blowers

	Make sure nothing is hiding on shelves or in closet corners
	Prepare for your final walkthrough with your landlord
	Check the weather and prepare for rain or snow
	Pack an essentials box with everything you'll need for your first 24 hours in your home
	Make a worst-case scenario plan in case your movers run late
	Take photographs/video of your empty place to prove it's in move-out condition
	Withdraw cash to tip your movers
	Clean your new place

Moving day	
	Set an alarm and get up early on moving day
	Protect your floors and carpets during the move
	Tip your movers
	When the movers leave, make your bed and unpack your shower curtain and toiletries
	Get to know your neighbors
	Go grocery shopping
	Cover your windows with sheets for privacy for your first night or hang up curtains/shades
	Thank your real estate agent or broker

One week post-move	
	Leave a detailed review of your experience with your moving company
	Post leftover moving boxes or unwanted furniture on an online selling page
	Clean the carpets in your new home
	Sweep your chimney before using it
	Make sure your home's address is visible from the street
	Install a home security system
	Explore your new neighborhood
	Send thank-you notes to friends and family who helped you move

Two weeks post-move	
	Aim to unpack all your stuff within two weeks of moving in
	Make copies of your new keys for the babysitter, nanny, close friend, neighbor, etc.