

Moving Checklist



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4-6 Weeks Before

- ❑ Plan out your move. If you plan on hiring movers, call and get estimates. If you plan on moving yourself make sure you have all the equipment needed. Get quotes if you will be renting a moving van or trailer.
- ❑ Order or pick up boxes, packing tape, [bubble wrap](#), [packing peanuts](#), [labels](#), [permanent markers](#) and other supplies you may need. You can also start collecting boxes by asking local stores in your area.
- ❑ Have a folder and keep all things related to the move including receipts, estimates, important phone numbers etc...
- ❑ Start cleaning and declutter. Throw away broken items and donate clothes or other items that you no longer need. Find out where to donate by going to <https://www.charitynavigator.org/> You can also plan a garage sale if you have and make a little cash!
- ❑ Organize school records If you have children that will be changing schools, make sure you check with the school to find out what they will need to enroll, such as birth certificate, proof of address, and shot records. You will also need to have the current school transfer their records to the new school.

- ❑ Pick up any medical/dental records to take with you if you will be changing doctors once you move.
- ❑ Measure rooms and door openings in the new house to find out where furniture will fit. Don't forget to measure the windows for blinds and drapes.
- ❑ Start packing and label all boxes. Start with items you don't use daily. Books, knick-knacks, and out of season items are a great place to start. If you pack a little each day from now until the time you move it won't seem as overwhelming.

2-4 Weeks Before Move

- ❑ Fill out a change of address at the post office. You can fill out the form at the post office or go to usps.gov and fill out the form online.
- ❑ Notify companies of your move. Don't forget to directly contact loan providers, the IRS, health insurance company, home or renters insurance, credit cards, your bank, magazine subscriptions, or any auto-delivery shipments from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).
- ❑ Start using up items in your pantry and other perishable items.
- ❑ Schedule electricity, internet, and call city hall to find out how to have the water turned on and schedule trash service in the new home. Also, notify companies from your old home that you are moving to disconnect services or have transferred.
- ❑ Notify current electric, internet, water and trash service when you will need service suspended or transferred to your new home. Find out the final amount you owe, or if you will be receiving a deposit back, and inform them of your new address.
- ❑ If you are moving across the country, check rest stops and book [hotels](#) to stay at on the way

1 Week Before Move

- ❑ Pack an essentials box of things you will need for the first 24 hours in the new home. including paper towels, [cleaning products](#), bottled water, snacks, shampoo, toothbrush toothpaste, toilet paper and any other toiletry products you may need. A small [first aid kit](#), flashlight, and extra phone chargers may also be helpful. If you have kids, you may also want to pack a small bag to keep them entertained during the move. You can include items such as, their favorite toy or stuffed animal, books, snacks and other items to help ease the transition.
- ❑ Patch up any holes in the walls from pictures, and make repairs in the current home from normal wear and tear.Keep packing!

The Night Before Move

- ❑ Clean your current home
- ❑ Unplug and defrost refrigerator the night before move remember to lay a towel down for leaks.

Day of Move

- ❑ Do a final walk-through of the current home. Remember to check cabinets, drawers, and closets for any items you may have forgotten and make sure all boxes are out of the house.
- ❑ Move into your new home and unpack your essentials kit!
- ❑ Inspect items and furniture for any damage. Don't forget to tip if you've hired movers!
- ❑ Childproof your new home if you have young children and cover outlet plugs
- ❑ Order a pizza,take out, or head to your local store to pick up something to eat!

