



Moving Checklist

(*Suggested tips for making your move smoother)

2 Months in Advance

- If hiring movers**, contact and choose a moving company. Get estimates and references from multiple companies.
- If moving yourself**, contact and choose a moving truck rental company. Get estimates and references from multiple companies.
- Choose a storage facility (if not moving into your new home right away).
- Begin to remove clutter — start with the basement, attic and garage.
- Start a file of moving paperwork and expenses. These costs can be taken as tax credits and deductions.

Get copies of records:

- Kids:** School
- Family:** Medical, dental, legal records
- Pets:** Veterinary
- Gather/organize important personal, family, and financial records/documents.

6 Weeks in Advance

- Schedule moving date/reserve truck.
- Dispose of items that can't be moved (paints, cleaners, propane & other flammables)
- Recycle old electronics, plastics, metal, papers, etc.
- Get antiques or valuables appraised.
- Order moving materials (if needed).
- Start to pack: seasonal clothing and other items not in immediate use.
- Clean out closets and drawers.
- Hold a garage or moving sale.
- Give items away to charity.

2-4 Weeks in Advance

Medical Care: Research new medical professionals for you and your family

- Doctor/Dentist
- Veterinarians
- Make travel arrangements for pets.

File change of address with:

- Credit card companies
- Subscriptions
- Clubs/Associations
- Send new address to friends/family members
- Complete change of address with post office: www.usps.com/umove/
- Transfer automobile registration and driver's license.
(out of state moves, see destination DMV site for details).
- Create an important info folder about your house for the next owner. Include your new address for mail forwarding.

Schedule stop of services for old property/start of services at new one:

- Utilities (electricity, water, gas, trash)
- Telephone
- Cable/Internet
- Cancel automatic bill pay set-up for the above services (if applicable)
- Contact insurance companies for moving coverage and to transfer policies to new location/home.

2 Months in Advance

6 Weeks in Advance

2-4 Weeks in Advance

1 Week in Advance

- If using a mover: Confirm dates and time of packing and moving.
- If moving yourself: Confirm moving truck.
- Use up or give away food and supplies that cannot be moved.
- Confirm travel arrangements.

Pack a travel kit for you and your family members:

- Financial items: credit cards, cash, etc.
- Travel: Passports, birth certificates.
- Children: Toys, medications, books, clothing, car seat, stroller.
- Clothing/Personal Supplies: items needed during the move period (Medications, toiletries, valuables, firearms, paperwork).
- Pay any final bills.
- Transfer safe deposit box contents to new branch.
- Clear paths in the home to make it "move ready".
- Clear the surfaces of all furniture to be moved, and disassemble any items that can be.

1 Day in Advance

- Final packing/walk-through.
- Defrost freezer.
- Drain water hoses.
- Disconnect and prepare major appliances for move. (as applicable)
- Set aside items to travel with.
- Pack a box of items that will be needed first in your new home. Be sure to mark it "First Box/Load last" on the box.
- Confirm arrival of movers/truck.
- Confirm hotel or temporary accommodation if needed.

Moving Day

- Kids/Pets: Drop off kids/pets at pre-arranged care site.
- Clear outside walkway and driveway
- Confirm bill of lading and inventory before signing.
- Do a final clean of your old home.
- Be sure to have someone at old home during move-out.
- Check boxes and belongings. Note any missing items or damage.
- Supervise loading and unloading.
- Final walk-through of new home.
- Be prepared to pay the mover and have cash on hand to tip workers.

In Your New Home

Let current professional support services know that you've moved:

- Accountant
 - Attorney
 - Doctor
 - Dentist
 - Financial Planner
 - Health Insurance Provider
 - Insurance Agent
 - Schools
 - Bank/Credit Union
 - Auto Finance company
 - Home care service providers (gardener, cleaning service)
- Install New batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.**
- Re-key your locks.
 - Register to vote

1 Week in Advance

1 Day in Advance > Moving Day

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