

Moving Checklist

2 Months

- Research movers or truck rental, get cost estimates
- Research storage pods if needed
- Minimize belongings room by room. Sort by Keep, Toss, and Donate. Put items to donate directly into car and bring to donation site frequently, or post immediately into Buy Nothing group
- Organize a garage sale
- Schedule connection and disconnection of utilities:
 - Garbage
 - Internet
 - Water
 - Electricity
 - Gas
- Register for school at the new location
- Start using up your food pantry items so you have less to move
- Start gathering moving boxes

1 Month

- Buy packing materials that you haven't been able to pick up for free
- Begin packing non-essential items. Label boxes with room and item type
- Create inventory list. Include serial numbers and model numbers
- Discard flammable items that can't be moved, like gasoline, paint, and propane
- Notify insurance of upcoming change of address
- Finalize moving method and finalize with moving company, or send paperless invite to friends if they are helping you move
- If driving car long distance, take car for maintenance
- Take moving day off at work

2 Weeks

- Fill in change of address form at the post office
- Continue packing and cleaning
- Designate boxes that need to be unpacked right away, and leave essential items in those boxes
- Designate one box for safe travel items that need to be kept with you, like passport, birth certificates, etc
- Pack a suitcase with a few days' worth of clothes and essentials like toilet paper and toiletries
- Find childcare for moving day
- Notify credit card company if moving internationally, so they don't freeze your credit card

2 Days

- Re-confirm moving details, time of truck pickup, etc
- Set aside items that you will be transporting yourself in your car

- Pack non-perishable foods
- Set aside tools needed to disassemble beds, like screwdriver etc
- Stop watering indoor plants so they don't drip on moving day
- Finish packing
- Deep clean, especially if you are renting and want your security deposit back

Moving Day

- Pick up moving truck
- Give movers or helpers a tour of the house and any instructions you have for them
- Disassemble beds
- Pack sheets and pillows and label
- Pack all perishable food
- Pack potted plants
- Move items into moving truck
- Move delicate items like plants and computer into personal vehicle
- Verify your new address with the movers
- Check that place is completely empty. Look behind doors, in closets, etc.
- Close all windows and lock up

Moving Day at Your New Place

- Load in all boxes according to their room
- Clean fridge and freezer
- Vacuum or sweep floors
- Take note of any damage, and take photos of the damage
- Put food items in fridge and freezer
- Check all utilities are working: Water, electricity, heating
- Buy food and drinks for your friends/volunteers, or tip movers
- Assemble beds, and make the beds
- Unpack essentials

After Move In

- Unpack
- If moving into your own house, change the locks and cut at least 2 new keys
- Update all of your accounts with your new address
 - School
 - Work
 - Credit card
 - Bank
 - Cell Phone
 - Insurance
 - Attorney
 - Accountant

○ Others _____

- Update drivers license with new address, and/or make driving test appointment
- Update vehicle registration
- Find new doctors and dentists close to your new place
- Update home inventory, including photos of all rooms
- Update renters insurance or home insurance with new address