

Moving Checklist



6 weeks to go

Create a binder

Gather important documents and information pertaining to your move:

- Moving company estimates or contracts
- Purchase Agreement for your new home
- A list of items that could get lost or damaged during the move

Create an inventory

Focus on your important/valuable items when making this list. If possible, take pictures of these items as well. This is a safeguard in case anything gets damaged or lost during the move.

4 weeks to go

- Gather moving supplies – instead of buying new boxes, get them from friends who have recently moved or stores that discard them.
- Nail down movers or reserve a rental truck and any additional equipment.
- File a Change of Address form with the post office.
- Go through items and put aside things to be sold or donated. Have a garage sale.
- Contact new schools for enrollment information and notify your child's school of your upcoming move.

- Request time off at work.
- Notify creditors of your new address.
- Research dentists and doctors in the area.
- Arrange for utility services to be turned on/off at your new/old home.
 - Phone service
 - Cable
 - Internet
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Water
 - Trash

3 weeks to go

- Sketch out a general floor plan of your new home to determine the placement of furnishings. Have it available for movers or helpers on moving day.
- Make arrangements with your bank including moving your safe deposit box if applicable.

- Check your home insurance to see if moving is covered.
- Purchase or transfer your insurance to cover your new home.
- Think about how you will move pets and plants.

2 weeks to go

- Finalize plans for larger items (piano, swing set, trampoline, etc.)
- Start packing. Label each box as you fill it and indicate which room in your new home it belongs.

- Arrange a locksmith for closing day if you plan on changing the locks on your new home.
- Hire a babysitter/pet sitter if applicable.

1 week to go

- Finish packing boxes.
- Set aside personal items/valuables that will travel with you.

- Drain the fuel from equipment such as lawn mowers and snow blowers.

The day before

- Make sure everything is packed.
- Have important papers related to the move ready.
- Clean refrigerator and oven.

- Set aside an "open first" box packed with the items you'll need right away. (Towels, paper plates, cleaning supplies, etc.)

Check out our link labeled "First Night in the New Home."

MOVING DAY!

- Walk through your old home to ensure nothing has been overlooked.
- Turn off all switches, lock windows and doors.

- If you cannot be there, arrange for a trusted friend/relative to be at the home when the movers arrive.