

The Ultimate Moving Checklist

This comprehensive moving checklist is designed to help you stay on track leading up to, during, and after moving day. Even with a long to-do list, moving doesn't have to be stressful!

8 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

- Ask your agent to recommend a great moving company
- Start collecting estimates from moving companies
- Get some boxes. (If you commit to a moving company they will often give you boxes as part of the deal)
- Budget for moving expenses
- Create a 'moving file' to keep track of quotes, receipts and other important information
- Start researching your new community

7 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

- Start compiling medical, dental, shot and prescription records
- Ask doctors for referrals in your new city of required
- Arrange to have school records and veterinarian records transferred
- Gather copies of legal and financial records
- Call your insurance agent to see what changes you need to make to your new policy
- Contact health clubs, organisations, and groups to cancel or transfer memberships

6 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

- Plan how you will move valuables and difficult to replace items (certified mail, or carry them with you)
- Begin purging your home. Separate items into those you will keep, donate, or discard
- Plan a garage sale
- Start using items that can't be moved such as frozen foods, bleach and aerosols

5 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

- If you don't have them yet, order boxes and moving supplies
- Begin packing items you don't use often
- Clearly label each box with its contents and the room its destined for
- Pinpoint your move date
- File a change of address with the Postal Service, or ask them to hold your mail at the post office in your new city

4 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

Notify these utility services of your move (both at your old and new locations);

- Electric
- Water
- Gas
- Telephone
- Cell phone
- Cable/Satellite and Internet
- Sewer
- Trash collection
- Make travel arrangements for your pets
- Put copies of pet medical and immunisation records in your move file
- Host a garage sale

3 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

- Plan how to transport your plants
- Dispose of flammables, corrosive, and poisons.
Google Do Not Ship info for a comprehensive list

2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

Notify these professional services of your move

- Accountant

- Attorney
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Financial Planner
- Health Insurance Provider
- Insurance Agent
- Schools

Notify these services/accounts of your move;

- Auto Finance Company
- Bank/Credit Union/ Finance Companies
- Credit Card Companies
- Exterminator
- Health Club
- Home care service providers (lawn, exterminator etc.)
- Laundry service
- Magazines
- Monthly memberships (Internet, Pay TV etc)
- Newsletters
- Newspapers
- Pharmacy
- Store/Gas charge accounts
- Notify these government offices of your move
- City/County Tax Assessor
- State Vehicle Registration
- Social Security Administration
- State/Federal Tax Office
- Confirm travel arrangements for pets and family
- Confirm parking for your moving trailer or moving container.
Obtain permits if needed
- Plan meals for the last weeks to use up your food
- Assemble a folder of important info about your house for the next home owner

1 WEEK BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Date:

- Review your moving plans with your moving consultant.
Email or call with questions
- Contact your bank or credit card company if you are planning to
pay for your move by debit or credit card
- Print two copies of your moving bill and keep one in your move file

- Notify friends and family of your new address and phone number with a free Moving Notice
- Pack an essentials box to keep with you during the move
- Drain gas and oil from lawn equipment, gas grills heaters, etc.
- Drain water hoses and waterbeds
- Measure furniture and doorways to determine if larger pieces will fit through the door
- Empty and defrost refrigerator at least 24 hours before the move
- Fill any prescriptions you will need during the move

MOVING DAY

Date:

- Place carpet, floor and door frame protectors throughout your home
- Load goods in a pre-designated order, saving "last load" items for the rear of your shipment
- Check every room and closet one last time to make sure nothing is left behind
- Plan dinner (pizza always works)
- Leave a note with your new address so that future residents can forward stray mail

MOVING IN CHECKLIST

- Clean your new home
- Pick up any mail being held at the local post office
- Unload your items and begin organizing your new home
- Keep all receipts and documents in your move file and store it in an easy-to-remember location
- Get a new driver's license and automobile registration, insurance, voting info, etc.
- Contact the local paper for a new subscription if required

- Enjoy your new home!