

Ultimate Relocation & Moving Checklist

A step-by-step checklist to keep your move organized, stress-free, and on schedule.

8–12 Weeks Before Moving

Planning & Research

- Decide on a moving date
- Create a moving budget
- Research new city/neighborhoods
- Research schools, daycare, and activities
- Review HOA or condo rules (move-in restrictions, elevator reservations)

Moving Services

- Get 3–5 moving company estimates
- Verify licenses, insurance, and reviews
- Decide: full-service, partial, or DIY
- Schedule movers or rental truck

Declutter & Inventory

- Sort items: Keep / Donate / Sell / Discard
 - Schedule donation pickups
 - Plan garage sale or online resale
 - Create a home inventory list
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6–8 Weeks Before Moving

Home & Repairs

- Complete minor repairs
- Patch walls and touch up paint
- Service appliances if selling
- Take photos for records

Documents & Records

- Gather important documents
- Medical and dental records

- School transcripts and records
- Pet vaccination records

Utilities & Services

- Research utility providers in new city
 - Compare internet and cable options
 - Schedule installation dates
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4–6 Weeks Before Moving

Packing Prep

- Order packing supplies
- Start packing non-essentials
- Label boxes by room + contents
- Set aside valuables and essentials

Address Changes

- Submit USPS change of address
- Update banks and credit cards
- Notify insurance providers
- Update employer and payroll

Schools & Childcare

- Confirm enrollment
 - Schedule school tours or orientations
 - Transfer IEPs or special records
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2–4 Weeks Before Moving

Moving Logistics

- Confirm moving company details
- Review contract and insurance
- Reserve parking/loading zones
- Arrange storage if needed

Home Prep

- Begin using pantry and freezer items

- Dispose of hazardous materials
- Schedule home cleaning

Travel Planning

- Book flights or hotels if needed
 - Plan route and overnight stops
 - Arrange childcare or pet care for moving day
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1 Week Before Moving

Final Packing

- Pack remaining items
- Prepare “Open First” box
- Set aside important documents
- Back up computers and devices

Utilities & Services

- Confirm utility shut-off/start dates
- Schedule final trash pickup
- Transfer prescriptions

Confirmations

- Reconfirm movers arrival time
 - Confirm building access
 - Share moving-day contacts
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Moving Day

Before Movers Arrive

- Eat and hydrate
- Protect floors and doorways
- Keep valuables with you

During the Move

- Supervise loading
- Check inventory list
- Do final walk-through

- Take photos of empty home

After Departure

- Lock doors and windows
 - Turn off lights
 - Leave keys as instructed
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Arrival at New Home

First Day Tasks

- Inspect home for damage
- Direct movers by room labels
- Check utilities are working
- Assemble beds

Essentials

- Unpack kitchen basics
 - Set up bathrooms
 - Connect Wi-Fi
 - Charge phones
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First Week After Move

Home Setup

- Unpack room by room
- Test appliances
- Set up security system
- Change locks if needed

Admin Tasks

- Update driver's license
 - Register vehicles
 - Update voter registration
 - Find local doctors and vets
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30 Days After Move

Final Details

- Review moving company invoice
- File claims if necessary
- Update subscriptions
- Leave mover reviews

Settle In

- Meet neighbors
- Explore neighborhood
- Register for local services
- Enjoy your new home 🎉

Tip: Save this checklist digitally or print it to stay organized throughout your relocation.