

Moving Checklist

Everything to do in the weeks before and after your move.

Moving is one of the most stressful parts of buying a home — mostly because there are a lot of small tasks with easy-to-miss deadlines. Work through this list in order, starting about a month before your move.

4–6 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Request time off work for moving day if needed
- ☐ Get quotes from moving companies or reserve a rental truck
- ☐ Start a room-by-room decluttering pass — sell, donate, or discard what you won't take
- ☐ Begin collecting boxes and packing supplies
- ☐ Notify your landlord if you're currently renting (check your lease's notice period)
- ☐ Research schools, if applicable, and start enrollment paperwork

2–3 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Submit a change-of-address request with USPS
- ☐ Update your address with your bank, employer, and subscriptions
- ☐ Schedule utility disconnection at your old address and connection at the new one (electric, gas, water, internet)
- ☐ Transfer or set up homeowners insurance to be active on closing day
- ☐ Start packing non-essential rooms
- ☐ Arrange childcare or pet care for moving day, if needed

1 Week Before the Move

- ☐ Confirm moving company or truck reservation details
- ☐ Pack a first-night box: toiletries, chargers, medications, a few dishes, bedding
- ☐ Empty and defrost the refrigerator/freezer if you're moving it
- ☐ Confirm final walkthrough time with your agent
- ☐ Withdraw or prepare certified funds for closing

Moving Day

- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of your old home before handing over keys
- ☐ Take photos of the empty old home for your records
- ☐ Confirm all utilities are active at the new home
- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of the new home before moving boxes in
- ☐ Change the locks or re-key the new home
- ☐ Locate the water shutoff, breaker panel, and furnace filter in the new home

First Two Weeks After Moving In

- ☐ Register your vehicle and driver's license at your new address, if applicable
- ☐ Update voter registration
- ☐ Locate the nearest hospital, pharmacy, and grocery store
- ☐ Introduce yourself to neighbors
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries if needed
- ☐ File away your closing documents, warranties, and this checklist somewhere safe

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