

The Ultimate Moving Checklist:

Before, During, and After



Check them off and have a stress-free move, one box at a time.

BEFORE THE MOVE (AROUND 4 WEEKS AWAY)

Let the purging begin

Go through each room in your house and start separating your belongings. Keep it, donate it, or toss it.

Transfer school records

If you have children, call their school(s) to switch their information to the new school.

Research moving companies

Get quotes from multiple companies and choose the one you feel the most confident in.

Notify important providers

Alert your bank, pharmacy, credit card companies, insurance providers, and publications you subscribe to of the change in address.

Stock up on (or find) supplies

Buy things like boxes, tape, and bubble wrap. Ask for free boxes from grocery and office supply stores.

Start packing nonessentials

Things like holiday decorations, off-season clothing, artwork, hobby materials, and infrequently used kitchenware.

ON THE CUSP (1-2 WEEKS AWAY)

Refill prescriptions

Stock up on any medications you'll need for the next few weeks.

Plan for your family

Arrange to have your children and pets taken care of on moving day.

Pack, pack, pack

Box up practically everything left in the house. Keep a marker handy so you can properly label each box.

Strategize your meals

Use up food that you don't want to move, particularly perishables. Try to plan on having nothing left in your fridge, freezer, or pantry come moving day.

Confirm moving plans

Contact your moving company to verify the day, time, address, and parking situation with them.

IT'S HERE! (DAYS BEFORE AND MOVING DAY)

Pack an essentials kit

Fill a box, suitcase, or bag with things like paper products, utensils, light bulbs, a tool box, trash bags, etc. Keep this one with you during the move.

Measure furniture and doorways

Keep a tape measure handy to make sure large furniture will fit through your doors and down staircases.

Keep important documents handy

Documents related to movers, travel, purchases, and your old and new house should be at the ready as the move transpires.

Do a final sweep

Remove everything from your fridge and freezer, and give each room a thorough clean.

Make it easy for your movers

Create walkways, identify fragile items, and be as present as you can when your items are being loaded.

Change your address

Go to usps.com to change your address and begin forwarding your mail to your new home.

YOU DID IT! (EXHALE)

Inspect the new home

Make sure utilities and plumbing are working properly as soon as you get inside. Go room by room to ensure they're clean and undamaged.

Unpack the necessities

Remove things like bedding, some kitchen utensils, and any bathroom-centric items you'll want to use immediately.

Order a pizza

Just trust us on this one.

Get organized

Put boxes in corresponding rooms and write out a to-do list for the next few days or weeks.

Babyproof your home (if necessary)

Complete the baby steps of the babyproofing process. Make sure your bathroom, staircases, living room, and the baby's nursery are free of any hazards.

Enjoy getting settled!

Start unpacking, begin shaping each room, and take in your new home and neighborhood!

Welcome home.

