



The Ultimate Moving Checklist: Your Stress-Free Guide

This checklist is designed to help you organize your move, step-by-step, starting eight weeks out.

Keep these tips in mind:





- **Start Early:** The timelines are suggestions; adjust them based on your move size.
- **Stay Organized:** Use this checklist as your master tracker.
- **Communicate:** Keep in touch with movers, utility companies, and your landlord/realtor.
- **Be Flexible:** Expect the unexpected, and try to maintain a sense of humor!

Let's get packing!



8 Weeks Before the Move

This is the planning phase. Getting these big tasks done early reduces stress later.





Task	Detail
 Create a Moving Budget	Estimate costs for movers, supplies, travel, and temporary housing. Use our calculator
 Research Moving Companies	Get at least three quotes or look into reliable truck rentals. Book your mover ASAP!
 Organize Vital Records	Gather medical, school, financial, and insurance documents in one secure, accessible place.
 Purge Your Home (The Big Clean-Out!)	Decide what to keep, donate, sell, or toss. Be ruthless—less stuff means lower moving costs.



6 Weeks Before the Move







Time to gather your gear and finalize preparations.

Task	Detail
 Order Moving Supplies	Stock up on <i>sturdy boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and brightly colored markers</i> . Buy moving supplies
 Measure Furniture	Ensure large items (sofas, beds, appliances) will fit through doorways in your new home and the moving truck.
 Plan a Garage Sale / Donate	Sell items you don't need or schedule a donation pickup to lighten your load and make some cash.
 Check Insurance Coverage	See if your current homeowners' or renters' policy covers possessions during the move. Consider purchasing extra coverage if needed.



4 Weeks Before the Move

The countdown is serious! Start tackling essential administrative and packing tasks.





Task	Detail
 Notify Utilities & Services	Schedule shut-off for your current home and hook-up for the new one (water, electricity, gas, internet/cable).
 Change Your Address	Update your info with the post office, banks, credit card companies, and all subscriptions/magazines.
 Start Packing (Non-Essentials)	Begin with items you rarely use, like seasonal décor, books, off-season clothing, or stored basement/garage items. Label every box clearly!
 Notify Your Landlord	If renting, give your formal, written notice as per your lease agreement.



2 Weeks Before the Move







Finalizing logistics and preparing for the travel phase.

Task	Detail
 Confirm with Movers	Double-check the date, arrival time window, contact information, and final cost estimate.
 Clean the New Place	If access is available, do a deep clean before the furniture and boxes arrive. You'll thank yourself later!
 Service Your Car	Ensure your vehicle is tuned up, gassed, and ready for the trip if you are driving to the new location.
 Plan for Pets & Plants	Make arrangements for their safe and comfortable transport (crates, specific care, temperature control).







1 Week Before the Move

The home stretch! Focus on immediate needs for moving day and arrival.

Task	Detail
 Pack an 'Essentials Box'	Include toiletries, medications, a change of clothes, basic tools (screwdriver), paper plates/cutlery, and phone chargers. This stays with you!
 Finish All Packing	Everything should be packed, sealed, and labeled clearly by the end of the week.
 Defrost the Fridge/Freezer	Do this at least 24 hours before moving day to prevent leaks and mold. Clean and dry thoroughly.
 Withdraw Cash	Have some on hand for tips for movers, unexpected expenses, or emergency purchases.

Moving Day

Execution time! Follow these steps to ensure a smooth transition.

Task	Detail
 Final Walkthrough	Check every closet, cabinet, crawlspace, attic, and drawer to ensure nothing is left behind.
 Document Condition	Take photos of your old home (especially if renting) and your new home for records before loading begins.
 Lock Up	Ensure all windows and doors are securely locked after the movers leave.
 Hand Over Keys	Complete the transfer of keys/fobs/garage openers as planned with the landlord or new owner.