

Moving To-Do List

You have found your new home, you and the seller have signed the contract, you've obtained final loan approval and your closing date has been set. Now it's time to prepare for the biggest job of all. By getting a head start on things you can eliminate or at least reduce many of the surprises and hassles that come with moving. It can be quite overwhelming when you realize the amount of things you've accumulated over the years. To help keep some of the costs and hassles of moving to a minimum, it is a good idea to consider having a garage sale or even donating some items to charity.

Getting started early will help things run a bit more smoothly. Here is a list of to-dos and the time frame in which you should consider completing them once you have contracted with the professional moving company of your choice.

2-4 Weeks before Moving Day

- Clean out closets and storage space, discard or sell any unnecessary possessions.
- Make a game plan. Start compiling a list of items that can be boxed up early and items that need to wait for moving day.
- Contact your children's school and family doctor to prepare any records to be transferred.
- Change address on driver's license, auto registration, bank accounts, credit cards, magazine subscriptions and post office.
- Contact utility companies with date to discontinue/transfer service.

1 Week before Moving Day

- Prepare moving essentials. Set aside important documents, personal items, prescription medications and other items that need to remain with you during the move.
- Drain fuel from gas powered equipment
- Gather and clean outdoor furniture
- Begin packing home decorations, unneeded kitchen items, clothing and linens.

2-3 Days before Moving Day

- Defrost freezer and empty ice maker
- Clean refrigerator, stovetop and oven
- Disassemble beds

Moving Day

- Finish any remaining packing
- Check that all cupboards, closets, and appliances are empty and clean
- Clean house
- Make sure to gather all keys & garage door openers to give to buyers at closing

