

YOUR SIX-WEEK MOVING CHECKLIST

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Whether you are moving across town or across the country, work through these steps at your own pace. If your move is sooner than six weeks away, start with the items that still apply.

SIX WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Get organized and make the important arrangements.

- ☐ Make a room-by-room inventory. Identify everything you plan to move and anything needing special handling.
- ☐ Sort what you are keeping. Set aside items to sell, donate, recycle, or discard.
- ☐ Arrange donation pickups. Contact charities about scheduling and request receipts when appropriate.
- ☐ Research moving companies. Decide whether you need full service, transportation only, or specialty movers.
- ☐ Request written estimates. Compare services, dates, cancellation terms, and how charges are calculated.
- ☐ Confirm mover requirements. Ask about deposits, payment, restricted items, and protection for belongings.
- ☐ Gather packing supplies. Collect boxes, tape, labels, and protective materials unless movers will pack.
- ☐ Contact your insurance agent. Discuss coverage and policy changes; do not cancel coverage on a home you still own.
- ☐ Check employer relocation benefits. Confirm reimbursements and required documentation if applicable.

FOUR WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Handle records, services, and everyday details.

- ☐ Submit your change of address. Arrange mail forwarding at usps.com.
- ☐ Update accounts directly. Notify banks, credit cards, insurers, subscriptions, and other contacts.
- ☐ Arrange utility transfers. Contact electric, gas, water, internet, and other providers.
- ☐ Schedule utilities at the new home. Confirm start dates and installation appointments.
- ☐ Coordinate dates with closing. Confirm appropriate service dates with your agent before shutoffs.
- ☐ Gather medical and dental records. Request records or arrange transfers when changing providers.
- ☐ Check prescription refills. Have enough medication for the move and transition.
- ☐ Collect school records. Check enrollment and transfer requirements if applicable.

- ☐ Prepare for moving with pets. Get vet records, check vaccinations, and plan travel accommodations.
- ☐ Return borrowed items. Collect things you have loaned and return what you borrowed.
- ☐ Make a plan for houseplants. Ask movers about restrictions or arrange other transportation.
- ☐ Use freezer and pantry items. Plan meals around food you do not want to move.
- ☐ Secure valuables. Plan to transport jewelry, documents, and irreplaceable items personally.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Take care of details before they become last-minute headaches.

- ☐ Confirm your moving reservation. Review arrival window, addresses, included services, and payment.
- ☐ Check access at both properties. Arrange elevators, parking, gates, and loading instructions if needed.
- ☐ Pack less-used items. Label boxes by destination room and contents.
- ☐ Photograph electronics. Capture cable connections before disconnecting.
- ☐ Plan for children and pets. Arrange supervision or a quiet space on moving day.
- ☐ Schedule service cancellations. Review lawn care, cleaning, deliveries, and recurring appointments.
- ☐ Prepare equipment safely. Ask movers about lawn equipment, grills, fuel, and restricted materials.
- ☐ Plan your first few days. Think through groceries, beds, work schedules, and essential supplies.

ONE WEEK BEFORE MOVING

Prepare the essentials and make final checks.

- ☐ Confirm moving arrangements again. Verify dates, addresses, and contact information.
- ☐ Document furniture condition. Photograph valuable pieces and existing wear before loading.
- ☐ Set aside restricted items. Ask about chemicals, aerosols, flammables, and other prohibited goods.
- ☐ Prepare a first-night bag. Pack medications, toiletries, chargers, clothes, and documents.
- ☐ Pack a cleaning and tool box. Keep paper towels, tape, scissors, and basic tools accessible.
- ☐ Separate items traveling with you. Keep identification, valuables, medication, and keys out of the truck.
- ☐ Prepare your vehicle. Check tires, fluids, and maintenance for longer drives.
- ☐ Clear a workspace. Leave movers a safe, accessible area.
- ☐ Check overlooked spaces. Look through closets, drawers, attic, garage, and outdoor storage.

- ☐ Review the checklist. Catch anything that may have slipped through the cracks.

MOVING DAY

A few final details before the truck pulls away.

- ☐ Exchange cell phone numbers with the driver. Make sure you can reach one another if plans change.
- ☐ Confirm the destination. Review address, directions, access, and arrival instructions.
- ☐ Review the mover inventory. Check paperwork and note concerns about condition.
- ☐ Make one final walk-through. Check rooms, closets, cabinets, drawers, garage, and storage.
- ☐ Check doors and windows. Secure the property before leaving.
- ☐ Coordinate keys and access. Follow agreed arrangements for keys, remotes, and access devices.
- ☐ Notify the appropriate contacts. Tell your agent or designated contacts when the property is vacant, if applicable.
- ☐ Keep essentials with you. Check phone, wallet, medications, keys, documents, and first-night bag.

ONE LAST TIP: If you are coordinating a sale and purchase, keep moving arrangements flexible until closing dates and possession details are confirmed.

Moving-company policies, insurance, utilities, and closing arrangements vary. Confirm timing, payment, restrictions, and coverage with the relevant providers.