

The Ultimate Moving Checklist

As Soon As Possible

- Collect estimates:** From at least 3 moving companies.
- Budget for moving expenses.** Speak with your accountant and insurance agent to determine what expenses might be tax deductible and/or covered by insurance.
- Open a “Moving File”.**
- Compile Research on your new area:** Doctors, schools, dentists, vets, grocery stores, etc.
- Transfer all important records to your new location.**

6 Weeks Before Moving

- Start Consolidating your possessions.** Go from room to room and get rid of things that you no longer use, wear, or that are not working anymore.
- Hold a yard sale to try donating any unsold items.**
- Establish a relocation plan for pets, plants, and other valuable and/or Irreplaceable items.**
- Begin using items that cannot be shipped or can pose a threat to your move:** Perishable foods, flammable corrosive or poisonous materials, etc.
- Fill out a change of address form at the U.S. Postal Service.**

4 Weeks Before Moving

- Collect and buy packing materials.**
- Notify all utility companies of the address change:** Cable and internet, phones, electric, water, trash collection, etc.
- Measure your new place:** to know exactly what will fit where.
- Arrange time off from work:** to get settled after the move.
- Have your vehicle serviced:** to avoid surprises on moving day.

1-2 Weeks Before Moving

- Notify government offices and professional service of your move:** IRS, DMV, healthcare providers, schools, credit card companies, health/fitness clubs, etc.
- Review moving arrangements with your movers.**
- Begin emptying your refrigerator.**
- Drain gas from all power equipment:** Lawn mowers, grills, heaters, etc.
- Fill any prescriptions you may need.**

Moving Day

- Take an overnight bag.** You are not going to want to rummage through all your boxes in search of your toothbrush or a set of clothes!
- Remember to eat.** You will become even more stressed and irritable if you are hungry while moving.
- Check your new place.** Make sure that there are no damages for which you will be blamed, and clean anything that will be difficult to reach once it is filled with furniture.
- Confirm all the details with your movers.** Sign the inventory forms, and provide your new address and contact number to the moving truck driver
- Do a final run-through.** Before you leave your old house, make sure that you have not left anything behind.

Helpful Information for Moving:

[Tips for Moving Antiques and Fine Art](#)

[How to Pack Dishes and Other Household Breakables](#)

[9 Tips for a seamless Moving Day](#)

[10 Useful Tips for Packing and Moving](#)

Happy Moving!