

The Ultimate Moving Checklist for a Stress-Free Move

Moving to a new home can feel like a monumental task, but with the right planning, it doesn't have to be overwhelming. Whether you're relocating across town or to a new state, our comprehensive moving checklist will help you stay organized and ensure that nothing falls through the cracks.

8 Weeks Before Moving Day

Declutter Your Home



- ☐ **Sort Through Belongings:** Go room by room and decide what to keep, donate, sell, or toss. (Our [SORTing Kit](#) comes in handy for this!)
- ☐ **Organize a Yard Sale:** Earn some extra cash by selling items you no longer need.
- ☐ **Donations:** Schedule pickups for any items you plan to donate.

Research Moving Companies

- ☐ **Get Quotes:** Contact several moving companies to get estimates and compare services.
- ☐ **Check Reviews:** Look for reviews and testimonials to ensure you choose a reputable company.
- ☐ **Book Early:** Secure your moving date to avoid last-minute stress.

Additional articles:

[3 Tricks for Creating a Moving Game Plan Prior To Packing](#)

6 Weeks Before Moving Day

Gather Supplies

- ☐ **Boxes:** Get various sizes, along with specialty boxes for fragile items.
- ☐ **Tools:** [Downsizing Magic](#) and [our Moving Game](#)
- ☐ **Packing Materials:** Stock up on packing tape, bubble wrap, and markers for labeling.
- ☐ **Protective Covers:** Consider renting furniture covers for valuable pieces.



4 Weeks Before Moving Day

Start Packing



- ☐ **Pack Non-Essentials First:** Begin with items you won't need before the move, such as seasonal clothing and decorations.
- ☐ **Label Boxes:** Clearly mark each box with its contents and the room it belongs in.
- ☐ **Create an Inventory:** Keep a detailed list of all packed items for reference.

Additional article:

[7 Packing Tips & Tricks](#)

Plan for Moving Day

- ☐ **Arrange Childcare/Pet Care:** Make arrangements for kids and pets on moving day to keep them safe and stress-free.
- ☐ **Confirm Details with Movers:** Touch base with your moving company to confirm dates and times.



Additional articles:

[Moving With Children](#)

[Moving With Pets](#)

1 Week Before Moving Day

- ☐ **Pack an Essentials Box:** Include items you'll need immediately in your new home like toiletries, snacks, and chargers.
- ☐ **Dispose of Hazardous Materials:** Properly dispose of any flammable or hazardous materials that can't be moved.
- ☐ **Prepare Appliances:** Defrost the freezer and clean all appliances for transport.

Notify Important Parties

- ☐ **Change of Address:** Submit a change of address form with USPS.
- ☐ **Utilities:** Schedule the disconnection and reconnection of utilities.
- ☐ **Update Information:** Notify banks, insurance companies, and subscription services of your new address.

24 Hours Before Moving Day



Final Preparations

- ☐ **Be packed the day before:** Avoid last-minute stress by ensuring all your belongings are packed up the day before your move. This gives you ample time to double-check everything and reduces the risk of leaving items behind.
- ☐ **Make sure your Cell Phone is Charged:** Your phone will be your lifeline on moving day. From coordinating with movers to using GPS for directions, a fully charged phone is essential. Don't forget to pack your charger in your essentials bag.
- ☐ **Clear a Path for the Movers:** Make sure there's a clear path for the moving truck and helpers. Talk to your neighbors if necessary and remove any obstacles that could become trip-hazards. Label tricky areas like uneven steps to alert the movers.

Additional article:

[9 Essential Tips for the 24 Hours Before Moving Day](#)

Moving Day

- ☐ **Secure Valuables:** Keep important documents and valuables with you rather than in the moving truck.
- ☐ **Supervise Loading:** Ensure movers handle your items with care and verify that everything is loaded.
- ☐ **Final Walkthrough:** Double-check each room, closet, and cabinet before leaving.

In Your New Home

- ☐ **Unpack Essentials First:** Begin with the essentials box and set up bathrooms and bedrooms.....And the coffee pot!
- ☐ **Verify Inventory:** Check off items from your inventory as they are delivered.
- ☐ **Inspect Your New Home:** Look for any damages or issues that need immediate attention.

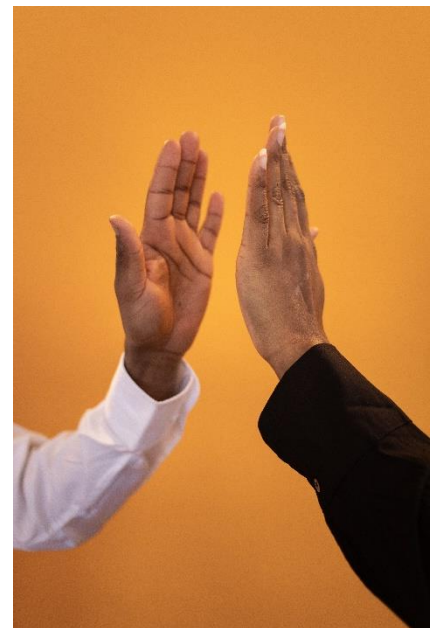
Additional article:

[Unpacking Without Losing Your Mind](#)

After the Move

Settle In

- ☐ **Explore Your Neighborhood:** Get acquainted with local shops, restaurants, and services.
- ☐ **Update Your Address Again:** Confirm your address is updated everywhere it needs to be.
- ☐ **Schedule A Party!** Schedule a housewarming party a few weeks after your move. This will motivate you to get all of your unpacking done in time to great your guests!



Moving to a new home marks the beginning of an exciting chapter. By following this checklist, you can minimize stress and focus on the adventure ahead.

If you have any questions about our fun moving products feel free to reach out to us. Our **Free Moving Tips & Tricks book** is available [HERE](#)

Happy moving!