

Moving? Check This

Keep that happy feeling moving! Use this handy checklist to get on your way.



Before the big move

Size up. Measure dimensions of rooms in new home.

Start purging. Recycle, donate, or toss everything you can.

Plan. You need supplies: boxes, labels, tape, markers, and bubble wrap.

Pack. Start packing what you don't need, like seasonal clothes.

Inventory. Create separate inventory lists of each box as you pack.

Label. Mark each box with the new room it should go in.

Store. Purchase a small fire-safe box for safekeeping valuables. Create a separate inventory list of valuables.

Clean. If you can get into your new home before the boxes arrive, do a deep clean.



After the move in

Locate your home's shut-off valves and circuit panel (if not already marked, label the panel).

Test and/or change batteries in smoke detectors for each room.

Check for or buy fire extinguishers for kitchen and garage at minimum.

Make quick repairs first, such as touching up paint and changing light bulbs and switches.

Set up your living room couch, sit back, relax, and admire your new home!



Remember a home warranty

With all of the details to track and the work to do when you're moving, having a home warranty means you don't have to worry about who to call when a covered appliance or system breaks down before or after the move.



Easy check-off list for what to change

- Utilities, such as electricity, gas, water
- Services, such as cable, satellite, and internet
- Change of address and forwarding your mail (Good tips at usps.com/move)
- New billing address. When you have your move-in date set, notify credit card companies, banks, and any other financial companies of your new address
- Ditto for updating address for new address for newspapers/magazine subscriptions
- Medical records, if move includes new insurance carriers, hospitals, and so on
- Prescriptions, if move is to new town or state
- Schedule date to change locks/re-key



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