



Here's a comprehensive checklist to help make your move as smooth as possible. It covers everything from planning and packing to the last-minute tasks right before moving day:

Moving Checklist

1-2 Months Before Moving

- **Organize Documents**
 - Gather important documents (lease, contracts, ID, birth certificates).
 - Create a moving binder to keep everything organized.
 - **Declutter and Sort**
 - Go through each room and decide what to keep, donate, sell, or toss.
 - **Research Moving Options**
 - Get quotes from moving companies or truck rentals.
 - Consider insurance options for valuables.
 - **Schedule Moving Day**
 - Book the moving company or truck rental.
 - Confirm moving day with your landlord (if renting) or arrange with new home contacts.
 - **Notify Important Parties**
 - Update your address with your bank, insurance, medical providers, subscriptions, etc.
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3-4 Weeks Before Moving

- **Start Packing**
 - Begin with items you rarely use, like seasonal clothing, decor, etc.
 - Label boxes by room and note if fragile.
- **Take Inventory**
 - Keep a record of valuable items or high-cost electronics.
- **Plan Utilities**



- Set up or transfer utilities, including gas, electricity, water, and internet at the new home.
 - Arrange for disconnection at the old home.
 - **Prepare for Pets and Children**
 - Arrange care for moving day, if necessary.
 - **Measure and Plan Layouts**
 - Measure your furniture and doorways.
 - Plan where major items will go in your new home.
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1-2 Weeks Before Moving

- **Pack Essentials Box**
 - Include daily necessities, like toiletries, medications, chargers, snacks, and important documents.
 - **Defrost and Clean Appliances**
 - Defrost the freezer and clean the fridge.
 - Deep clean the home if you're renting and aiming to get the security deposit back.
 - **Confirm Moving Arrangements**
 - Double-check with the moving company or rental service.
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Moving Week

- **Check Weather Forecast**
 - Prepare for any potential weather challenges on moving day.
- **Finish Packing**
 - Ensure all items are packed and labeled.
 - Double-check that essential boxes are easy to access.
- **Settle Final Bills**
 - Pay any outstanding rent, utility bills, and fees.
- **Prepare Payment and Tips**



- Have cash or digital payment ready for the movers, along with any tips.
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Moving Day

- **Protect Floors and Walls**
 - Use blankets or cardboard to avoid scuffs in both the old and new homes.
 - **Do a Final Sweep**
 - Check all closets, drawers, and storage areas to ensure nothing is left behind.
 - **Take Meter Readings**
 - Record final gas, electric, and water readings for future reference.
 - **Lock Up**
 - Double-check that all windows and doors are locked.
 - **Direct Movers**
 - Label rooms in your new house to guide movers on where to place items.
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After Moving

- **Unpack Essentials**
 - Start with the essentials box and items for the kitchen and bedrooms.
- **Change Locks and Set Up Security**
 - Consider changing the locks and installing or updating security measures.
- **Check Appliances and Utilities**
 - Test all appliances and ensure utilities are working properly.
- **Update Driver's License and Car Registration**
 - Visit your local DMV to update your address.
- **Celebrate!**
 - Relax and enjoy your new home. You've earned it!

We hope you find this list helpful!



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