



# The Complete Moving Checklist

What to do 8 weeks before moving day — and what not to forget.

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## 8 Weeks Before

- ☐ Walk through every room and decide what to keep, donate, or discard.
- ☐ Start researching moving companies and requesting written estimates.
- ☐ Set a moving budget and start a "move file" for quotes, receipts, and paperwork.

Not sure how to tell a legitimate mover from a risky one? Read [Choosing a Moving Company Without Getting Scammed](#).

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## 7 Weeks Before

- ☐ Transfer important medical, dental, and prescription records before the move.
- ☐ Arrange for school and veterinarian records to be transferred.
- ☐ Gather copies of legal and financial documents.

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## 6 Weeks Before

- ☐ Continue purging — sort remaining items into keep, donate, or discard.
- ☐ Order boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and markers, plus specialty containers such as dish barrels or wardrobe boxes.
- ☐ Start using up items that can't be moved, such as frozen food, cleaning chemicals, and aerosols.

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## 5 Weeks Before

- ☐ Start packing items you rarely use, such as seasonal décor, specialty kitchenware, and recreational equipment.
- ☐ Label each box clearly with its contents and destination room.
- ☐ Submit your USPS change-of-address request, or arrange to have mail held at your new post office.

Weighing DIY packing against hiring help? See [Reasons to Book Packing Services](#).

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## 4 Weeks Before

- ☐ Choose your mover and reserve your move date online or by phone.
- ☐ Notify utility providers at both your old and new address:
  - ☐ Gas
  - ☐ Electric
  - ☐ Water
  - ☐ Internet, cable / satellite, and phone service
  - ☐ Sewer & trash collection
- ☐ Arrange pet transportation for moving day.

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## 3 Weeks Before

- ☐ If you're driving to your new home, plan your route and any overnight stops.
- ☐ Confirm pet travel arrangements and keep medical/immunization records with your move documents.

## 2 Weeks Before

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- ☐ Continue packing. Number each box with its contents and room — this doubles as your inventory. Pack and label an "essentials" box for items you'll need right away.
- ☐ Set aside valuables and important documents to transport personally, along with your written estimate.
- ☐ Ask a close neighbor to watch for stray mail after the move.
- ☐ Notify banks, your employer's HR department, insurance providers, and credit card and utility companies of your new address.
- ☐ Request time off work to supervise moving day.
- ☐ Confirm parking or loading-zone permits if your building or street requires them.
- ☐ Plan meals for the last two weeks to use up remaining food.

## 1 Week Before

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- ☐ Review your moving plan with your moving consultant — call or email with any final questions.
- ☐ If you plan to tip your movers, set aside cash or your preferred payment method in advance.
- ☐ Notify friends and family of your new address.
- ☐ Pack your essentials box to keep with you during the move.
- ☐ Check with your moving company about items that cannot be transported, including fuel, propane, chemicals, and other hazardous materials.
- ☐ Measure furniture and doorways to confirm larger pieces will fit.
- ☐ Empty and defrost the refrigerator at least 24 hours before the move.

### Before Moving Day: Building & Access Logistics

- ☐ Confirm move-in / move-out requirements with your building or property manager.
- ☐ Reserve an elevator if your building requires it.
- ☐ Check loading-zone and parking restrictions at both addresses.
- ☐ Confirm truck access for your street or building.
- ☐ Ask about permitted moving hours.
- ☐ Check whether your HOA or property manager requires a certificate of insurance.
- ☐ Measure elevators, hallways, and stairwells for large furniture.
- ☐ Let your mover know about stairs, long carries, or narrow access in advance.

### Before You Book: Choosing Your Mover

- ☐ Verify the mover's license and USDOT number.
- ☐ Get a written estimate.
- ☐ Confirm exactly what services are included.
- ☐ Ask about potential additional fees.
- ☐ Confirm cancellation and payment policies.
- ☐ Check reviews and recent customer feedback.
- ☐ Ask what protection or valuation coverage is included.
- ☐ Make sure the estimate accounts for stairs, long carries, elevators, or difficult access.

## Moving Day

- ☐ Keep your essentials, valuables, and important documents with you.
- ☐ Be available to answer questions and direct the crew.
- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of every room and closet before the crew leaves.

## Moving In

- ☐ Clean your new home and make any repairs before the truck arrives.
- ☐ Check walls, floors, and doorways for existing damage before unloading begins.
- ☐ Direct movers to the correct rooms as boxes and furniture come in.
- ☐ Check furniture placement before the crew leaves.
- ☐ Check your old address for any mail that wasn't forwarded.
- ☐ Unload your items and begin organizing your new home.

## After the Move

- ☐ Keep all receipts and documents in your move file, stored somewhere easy to remember.
- ☐ Update your driver's license and vehicle registration.
- ☐ Update banks, insurance policies, subscriptions, and delivery addresses.
- ☐ Update school, daycare, and emergency contact information.
- ☐ Enjoy your new home!

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