


Moving Checklist

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	<p data-bbox="354 491 803 527">8 Weeks before Move: To Do</p> <p data-bbox="354 604 1404 703">Check your credit: If renting your new home, try to obtain a current credit report to give to potential landlords. If purchasing a home, please check on your credit report to make sure there are no errors!</p> <p data-bbox="354 747 1344 810">Insurance: Look into getting moving and/or storage insurance to cover your items during the move.</p> <p data-bbox="354 854 1396 917">Using a Mover: Use keyword "movers" to get estimates from moving companies. Try to shop around as much as possible to get the best rate.</p> <p data-bbox="354 961 1372 1024">Self-Move: Use various internet services to choose a rental truck to use. Be sure to reserve it well in advance since reservations fill up quickly at certain times of the year.</p> <p data-bbox="354 1068 1323 1131">Pets: Check on possible quarantine and/or vaccination requirements for your pet, especially if you are moving out of state or overseas.</p> <p data-bbox="354 1176 1393 1274">Kids: If you have small children, be sure to research childcare options in your new area. Assess the quality of school districts in your new area. Use various internet services to compare schools.</p> <p data-bbox="354 1318 1414 1451">Overseas: Make sure your passport is current and valid. If you don't have one, be sure to get one well in advance. Contact the consulate for the country you are moving to, insure that you have all proper paperwork prepared and available. Obtain a visa if you will need one. You can talk to a consulate about the steps necessary to obtain one.</p> <p data-bbox="354 1520 803 1556">7 Weeks before Move: To Do</p> <p data-bbox="354 1600 1352 1663">Make a Moving File to store receipts, records, and important papers related to your move.</p>

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Begin removing unwanted or unneeded items from your attic, garage, basement, or storage.

Check to make sure you have **returned all borrowed items** including video rentals and library books.

Gather important documents (birth certificates, immunization records, insurance documents, etc?) and place them in a briefcase, strongbox, or other secure place to insure that they do not get misplaced during the move.

Using a Mover: Get in touch with a moving company and set a date for the move. Fill out any necessary paperwork, and be sure to get moving insurance if you need it.

Overseas: Research the customs and laws of the country you are moving to. If you haven't been there, try to visit before you move.

6 Weeks before Move: To Do

In-state move: Update your car registration and driver's license with your state's motor vehicle department. You may also need to notify your auto insurance.

Make item donations. Remember to collect receipts for tax purposes

Sell your old and unwanted stuff on various internet services or hold a garage sale before you pack.

Notify your dentist and doctor of your move and ask for referrals. Be sure your insurance covers the doctor/dentist in your new area.

Forward or cancel any monthly services, subscriptions or memberships.

Pets: Make sure you have **transportation arrangements** for your pet. Buy a carrier on various internet services. Notify your veterinarian of your move. **Obtain any records for your pet,** and ask for a referral.

Kids: Select a school for your children and arrange to transfer immunization records and transcripts. Try to visit the school before deciding if this is possible.

International: Research the financial situation your new country. Open a new bank account and change your currency if necessary.

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5 Weeks before Move: To Do

Make reservations for a room at a local motel for the night before moving day. This is the best way to make sure you can get a good night's rest and a shower while all your things are packed up. Use various internet services to make reservations online!

Contact utilities to cancel or transfer accounts.

Overseas: Research driving laws in your new country. You may need to apply for a foreign driving permit. Make sure you have current vaccination records. Make sure you receive recommended vaccinations for the country you will be moving to. Research insurance options in your new country. Your US insurance may or may not be valid after you move and you may need to buy new insurance in your new country.

4 Weeks before Move: To Do

Fill out an official **change of address** with the USPS. Notify all important business and personal contacts of your new address. Fill out changes of address for creditors and magazine subscriptions. Leave a forwarding address with the next tenants of your home if possible.

Self-Move: Buy boxes and packing materials.

3 Weeks before Move: To Do

Start packing. Begin with rooms of the house you don't use as much and finish with the kitchen. Choose a room of the house to serve as a temporary storage area for packed boxes. Check out the 'Packing Supplies and Tips' section for tips on how to pack like a professional!

Check if the moving company you choose has storage options for those items you cannot move immediately and may need to store temporarily.

Make an inventory of important and/or expensive items in your home as you pack. Try to take photographs of these items if possible. You may need this inventory for insurance purposes in case items get lost or damaged in the move.

Kids: Start involving your kids in the move. Make it exciting by having your kids pack some of their own things, and letting them figure out new layouts for their rooms. If you have young children, arrange for a **babysitter on moving day**. You can concentrate on the move knowing your kids are watched and safely out of the way.

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2 Weeks before Move: To Do

If you live in a high-rise apartment, be sure to **reserve an elevator** for the day of your move.

Close any local bank accounts and open new ones in your new location. Try to get checks printed with your new address as soon as possible.

Drain gas from any gas powered equipment before you pack it up. Try to make disposal arrangements for any oil, gas, or other hazardous substances you will not be able to move, use, or throw away.

1 Week before Move: To Do

Make backup copies of important files on your computer before packing it up.

Service your car, especially if you're traveling to your new place by car. See various internet services for tools, services, and advice.

Have a party to **use up perishable food items**, beverages, and alcohol. **Donate food items** you don't consume to a shelter or food bank.

Confirm any travel plans or reservations you may have made for moving day (flights, hotel, rental cars, etc).

Using a Mover: Confirm arrangements with your moving company.

Pets: Pack a travel case for your pet

Moving Week: To Do

Be sure to **have some cash on hand** for the day of the move. You may need it to tip movers, buy snacks, etc? If you are moving out-of-state, keep in mind that many businesses do not take out-of-state checks.

Begin cleaning your house. Make sure you defrost your refrigerator and freezer.

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<p>Do a final walk-through of your old residence, checking closets, drawers, etc. Turn off all lights, lock all doors and windows, and leave keys with your old property manager if applicable.</p> <p>Self-Move: Pick up your rental truck and any moving equipment you may need (dollies, carts, furniture pads, etc?)</p> <p>Pets: Keep your pet confined on the day of the move. Make sure they are in a safe place away from the hubbub of the move with plenty of food and water. Consider taking a dog or cat to the kennel for the day. Introduce your pet to your new home slowly. Be sure they won't be able to run back to the old house for the first few days.</p>
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