

THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST



8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

☐ Plan Ahead with a Chuckle 🤡

Why don't skeletons ever help with moving? They don't have the guts! Plan ahead to avoid any spine-chilling surprises on moving day!

☐ Create a Moving Hub 📁

Set up a Moving Binder, whether physical or digital, to corral to-do lists, receipts, and essential documents. Keep it organized as your sock drawer (or aim for it, at least).

☐ Decide on a Moving Budget 💰

Crunch the numbers and decide on a moving budget. Consider all potential expenses, including packing materials, transportation, unforeseen costs.

☐ Gather Moving Company Intel 🚚

Contact at least three moving companies for estimates. It's like choosing your superhero team – pick the ones with the right superpowers for your move.

☐ Request Time Off for Moving Day 📅

It's your personal holiday from the office hustle.

☐ Plot Your Family's Future 🏠

Research and choose schools and doctors. Remember, finding the right school is like selecting the Hogwarts of your new neighborhood.

☐ Gather Essential Records 📁

Request transcripts and medical records for a seamless transition. It's like preparing your family's superhero dossier for their next mission.

☐ Pet-Proof Your Move 🐾

Update pet records and check local regulations for licensing. Because even fur babies need a passport to move.

☐ Safeguard the Digital Realm 🔒

Back up computers, files, and photos. It's like creating a digital fortress – protecting your memories from the chaos of moving.

☐ Declutter with a Purpose ✂️

Streamline your life by planning to part ways with unneeded items: Yard Sale, Donations, Trash.

☐ Insure Your Belongings 🛡️

Develop a Room-by-Room Inventory for insurance and tracking purposes. Think of it as creating a treasure map with mark spots where your favorite mug is buried.

☐ Fortify Your Legal Arsenal 🏛️

Organize and pack financial and legal records. Think of it as creating a secret vault for your important documents – guarded by the moving day guardians.

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6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

☐ Lock in Your Movers 🚚

Choose your moving company. It's like picking dance partners – make sure they've got the right moves for your belongings! Read all move documents and contracts before signing. It's your moving script!

☐ Change of Address Magic 📮✨

Request a change of address from post office. It's like sending a magical message to redirect your mail to your new castle!

☐ Insurance Tango 🦸👮

Talk to your insurance company. Check if your policy needs a makeover for the move – it's like getting a fresh coat of superhero armor.

☐ Bye-Bye Utilities 🚫💡

Notify utility companies, TV, and internet providers about the impending change. It's like telling them, "See you on the other side of the move!"

☐ Measure Twice, Move Once 📏📦

Measure doorways, stairways, and elevators. Ensure your furniture has a smooth entrance – it's like furniture's red carpet moment.

☐ Packing Prep 📦📅

Order packing supplies or have your movers do the packing for you. It's like preparing your moving toolkit. Label, number, and mark fragile your boxes.

☐ Notify the World 🌐🔔

Inform important parties about your move. It's not a secret mission: let your friends, family, and essential services (children's school, doctors, service providers) know you're on the move.

☐ Landlord Diplomacy 🏠🔑

Ask your landlord about moving requirements. Share your new address for that safety deposit check – it's like closing the chapter on your current adventure.

☐ Home TLC 🛠️❤️

Address important home repairs. It's like giving your old home a loving farewell – patching up memories.

☐ Daily Packing Quest 📅📦

Pack a little each day, starting with items you rarely use. It's like a daily mission - unpacking will feel like a celebration!

☐ Vehicle Check-Up 🚗🔧

Have vehicles serviced for a long-distance move. Ensure they're road-trip ready – it's like-move car spa!

☐ Family and Friends Farewell Tour 🥳👋

Spend time with family and friends. Especially if you're moving far away – it's like a pre-move farewell party. Capture those memories!

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4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

☐ Date with Your Movers 🗓️

Reserve and secure your moving date with your chosen moving company. It's like securing tickets to the hottest show in town – your move!

☐ Travel Arrangements ✈️🏠

Make travel arrangements if flying or staying in a hotel before your move. It's like planning a mini vacation before the big adventure!

☐ Documents in the Spotlight 📁🔍

Pack important documents like birth certificates and passports to keep with you during the move. It's like VIP access to your essential papers!

☐ Furniture Chess ♟️

Plan out where furniture will be in your new home. It's like playing strategic game of chess with your sofa as the queen!

☐ Measure Twice, Place Once 📏🏠

Measure furniture and room dimensions if possible to create a layout. It's like composing a symphony of space in your new home!

☐ Prescription Countdown ⌚💊

Fill any prescriptions and ensure you have enough until you settle with a new doctor/pharmacy. It's like stocking up on health essentials for the move!

☐ Finance and Address Update 🏠💰

Transfer your bank and credit card accounts to your new address. It's like updating your financial mailing list – keep those bills and cards in the loop!

☐ Tech Set-Up Mission 📺🌐

Set up TV and internet accounts for your new home. Schedule installations and start date – it's like ensuring you have entertainment right from day one!

☐ Parking Strategy 🅐🚚

Confirm parking strategy for your moving truck. You may need a permit for moving day – it's like securing a VIP parking spot for your moving van!

☐ Insurance Shield ⚖️📦

Purchase moving insurance or protection. It's like putting a superhero cape on your belongings – protecting them en route!

☐ School Enrollment Adventure 🏫👨👩👧👦

Start the process of enrolling your kids in their chosen school. It's like setting the stage for their academic adventure in the new neighborhood.

☐ Moving Day Playlist Groove 🎵🚚

Make a moving day playlist. It's like curating the soundtrack to your moving journey – a mix of motivation and nostalgia!

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2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

☐ **Date Confirmation Dance** 🎉📅

Confirm your move-in day with your real estate agent. It's like a final dance rehearsal before the grand performance!

☐ **Moving Day Battle Plan** 📅🚚

Confirm moving day plans with your moving company. It's like fine-tuning the battle strategy with *your moving allies!*

☐ **Pack Like a Pro** 📦👨🔧

Begin packing in earnest (or leave it up to your movers). It's like starting your masterpiece – a carefully curated collection of memories!

☐ **Box Inventory Chronicles** 📝📦

Create a list of items in each box and keep it in your moving binder. It's like crafting the index to your moving adventure novel!

☐ **Book Returns and Borrowings** 📖🔄

Return library books and borrowed items from friends. It's like closing the chapters of your current story before starting a new one.

☐ **Loan Collection Quest** 🔄📦

Collect items you've loaned to friends, things in storage, and anything in safety deposit boxes. It's like gathering the pieces of your life puzzle!

☐ **Service Farewell Tour** 🚚🏠

Discontinue regular services like newspaper delivery, trash pick-up, and lawn service. It's like bidding farewell to the daily rhythm of your current home!

☐ **Appliance Spa Day** 🛠️🏠

Schedule servicing for moving appliances. It's like giving your loyal appliances a spa day before the big move!

☐ **Plan for the Giants** 🏠🚚

Make a moving plan for large items like your swing set, trampoline, pool table, grand piano. It's like orchestrating a dance for your hefty possessions!

☐ **Plant Transportation Decree** 🌱🚚

If you have house plants, decide how they'll be shipped. It's like planning a botanical journey for your leafy companions!

☐ **Moving Day Essentials Bag** 📋🚗

Make a "Moving Day Bag" with snacks, clothes, medications, toiletries, and electronics. It goes with you, not on the truck – it's like your moving survival kit!

☐ **Utility Handover Confirmation** 📅🏠

Confirm end of date for utilities, phone, and TV services at your current residence. Also, confirm the start date for services in your new home.

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THE WEEK OF YOUR MOVE

☐ Frozen Food Farewell Feast 🍲👋

Use up all frozen foods or gift them to family and friends, or neighbors. It's like hosting a farewell feast for your freezer!

☐ Fridge Farewell and Defrost Dance 🧑🕺❄️

Clean out your refrigerator. If moving it, defrost and dry before moving day. It's like giving your fridge a fresh start for the new journey!

☐ Food Compassion Donation 🍲👏

Donate non-perishable foods that you can't take with you. Spread the love – it's like giving your pantry a chance to contribute!

☐ Essential Pack and Confirm Journey 🧳📅

Finish packing everything but the essentials to get you to moving day. Confirm your travel plans – it's like preparing your essentials for the moving adventure!

☐ Neighbor Goodbye Tour 🗋️🏡

Say goodbye to neighbors. It's like closing a chapter on one neighborhood and opening the book on another!

☐ Room Cleaning Prelude 🧹🏠

Begin cleaning empty rooms. It's like leaving a clean canvas for the next occupants of your home!

☐ Final Inventory Sweep 📋👀

Double-check shelves and closets for any items you've missed. It's like conducting a final inventory sweep before the curtain falls on this chapter!

☐ Key Collection Ritual 🗝️👉

Collect keys and garage door openers to give to your real estate agent for the new owners. It's like passing on the keys to a new beginning!

☐ Weather Preparedness Forecast 🌧️❄️

Check the weather for your moving day and be prepared for rain or snow. It's like predicting the mood of your moving day symphony!

☐ Home Photo Memory Lane 📷🏠

Take photos of your home for insurance purposes, just in case. It's like capturing the memories of your home before turning the page!

☐ Credit Card Journey Alert 🛑💳

Ma Make sure your credit card company knows you are moving. Purchases in a new location can cause your card to be flagged or declined.

☐ Crew Tipping Treasure 🧾🚚

Take out cash for tipping your moving crew. It's like leaving a treasure map to show your appreciation for their hard work!

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THE MOVING DAY

☐ **Box Check Symphony** 📦🎻

Check all your boxes, ensure they are properly closed, and labeled. It's like conducting a symphony of organized moving chaos!

☐ **Movers Arrival Grand Plan** 🚚📅

Plan to be home when your movers arrive within the scheduled window. It's like being the director of the moving day performance!

☐ **USDOT Verification Shield** 🛡️🚚

Check the USDOT number on the moving truck. It must match the number on the contract to avoid moving scams. It's like ensuring a shield against rogue movers!

☐ **Floor Protection Ballet** 🩰🏠

Protect your floors and carpets or let movers handle that with floor runners or carpet masks. Shield your home from the moving hustle!

☐ **Movers Contract Pledge** 📝✍️

Sign all required move documents and get a copy. It ensures mutual protection for both you and the movers. Do not sign blank documents.

☐ **Final Home Sweep** 🏠🔍

Double-check your home to make sure you didn't miss anything. It's like doing a last-minute sweep for forgotten treasures!

☐ **Home Farewell Ritual** 🏠🔒

Turn off lights, lock all windows and doors as you leave. If renting, drop off keys with your building manager. It's like a grand exit before your new beginning!

☐ **Early New Home Arrival** 🏠🕒

Get to your new home early, ensuring utilities are connected. It's like stepping onto a stage of your new adventure with everything ready!

☐ **Mover-Friendly Pathway** 🧑🚚

Make a safe path for movers to navigate. It's like designing a pathway for the moving day parade!

☐ **Mover Appreciation Applause** 🙌🚚

Remember to tip your movers. It's like acknowledging the stars of your moving day performance!

☐ **Agent Gratitude Bow** 🙏🏠

M Thank your real estate agent. It's like giving a bow to the backstage crew who made it all happen!

☐ **Home Unpacking Prelude** 🛏️📦

T Make your bed, unpack the necessities, and take a nap! You did it – it's like a well-deserved intermission before the next act of settling in begins!

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AFTER YOUR MOVE

☐ Unpack Rhapsody 📦🎵

Try to unpack within 2 weeks of living at your new home. Take it slow, but don't let boxes just sit there.

☐ Fortress Security Encore 🏰🔒

Set up your home security. Change the locks if possible – it's like fortifying the walls of your new castle!

☐ Fresh Home Cleanse 🧹🏠

Clean your new home and check the status of your appliances, furnace, pipes, and chimney. Consider cleaning the carpets – it's like giving your home a fresh start!

☐ Home Diagnosis Prelude 🏠🔧

Make a note of any immediate home repairs that need to be made. It's like conducting a health check for your new abode!

☐ Moving Receipt Reprise 📄👜

Hang on to receipts from your move and ensure there are no discrepancies in your charges. It's like conducting a financial encore for a smooth move!

☐ Update Odyssey 🚗🗺️

If you've moved to a new state or county, update your license, voter registration, car insurance, title, and registration. Get new checks with your updated address.

☐ Housewarming Gala Extravaganza 🎉🏠

Have a housewarming party! It's like throwing a grand opening for the next chapter of your life!

☐ Settle-in Serenity 📖🏠

Settle in and get to know your new home and community! It's like opening a book to explore the chapters of your new life!

☐ Moving Review Crescendo 📝🌟

Leave a review of your experience with your moving company. It's like sharing the applause for a well-executed moving performance!

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By following all these steps on the checklist, you're not only settling; you're orchestrating the harmonious finale of your moving symphony!