

The Ultimate Moving Day Guide

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1 - 2 months before moving

Start organizing

- Set Up a Moving Binder to Hold Important Papers.
- Discuss the move with your kids.
- Give notice to your landlord/ agent.
- Notify schools and arrange the transfer.
- Search for new school.
- Submit a change of address form to your post office.
- Schedule cancellation of utilities.
- Get estimates from professional movers. Contact at least three to get better deals.
- Research items that can't be moved by your moving company.

- For a DIY move, ask friends for help and book a rental truck.
- Arrange for storage in your new community (if necessary).
- Sort out and donate any unwanted clothing, furniture, appliances, or plants.
- Make an inventory of everything to be moved. Take pictures if possible.
- Have a garage sale to get rid of items you no longer need.
- Start collecting moving supplies.
- Start recording your moving expenses.

6 Weeks Before

- Schedule your move. Tip: save more money when you schedule on weekdays during off-season months.
 - Take note of all Tax-Deductible Moving Expenses.
 - Start researching and making travel arrangements or temporary housing.

5 Weeks Before

- Start using up refrigerated food and pantry items.
- Decide whether to take appliances. Start selling or giving it to friends and family.

Strategize your packing process. Start packing up your home by boxing up items you rarely use. Pack the non-essential items first such as books, home decor, and appliances. Pack essentials last such as kitchen items, dinnerware, clothing, toiletries, etc.

- Update all memberships (i.e. gym membership).
- Begin packing
- Prepare a list of people and companies to notify of your move - Family, friends, insurance, doctors, etc.
- Address minor home repairs before moving out (especially if you're moving from an apartment).

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 Register children in a new school. 3 Weeks Before Double-check if you have notified service providers and have transferred utilities. Update your mailing address online if possible especially if you are receiving Social Security 	Arrange for medical services. Apply for the state driver's license. Servicing the car Dispose of hazardous items properly. Make a trip to your local hazardous waste facility drop- off. Confirm the date and time with your moving company. Don't forget to let them know of other important logistical details like parking and elevator use Schedule a car shipping service if necessary. Arrange to be off work on a moving day. Decide what to do with your plants. Check for more info on transporting plants to a different state or give them to friends, family, or neighbors. Pay any unpaid bills - this could be utility bills or
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1 Week Before	Obtain a written appraisal of antique items to verify value. Book the moving elevator and confirm parking access for the truck, if applicable. Plan for your pet's transfer.
 Clean old home or arrange a cleaning company. Finish last-minute errands. Inspect the old home with the landlord. Pack kitchenware and essentials. Take care of trash removal and recycling. Start actively packing the rest of your home room by room. Box up whatever you can. All boxes should be taped shut and stackable. Make sure all boxes are labeled with their destination room in your new home on the top and sides of each box. Determine which box should go last. Take note and tell your movers on your moving day. 	Check furniture for dents and scratches. Clean out the refrigerator/plan to defrost and dry the day before moving. Drain equipment: water hoses, propane tank, gas/oil lawnmowers. Confirm travel arrangements for pets and family. Arrange for the cut-off/activation dates for your cable, gas, electricity, water, and garbage. Bundle appliance manuals and warranties in one

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The Day Before	
 Remind neighbors about your move - If you're going to be blocking a shared driveway, give neighbors a heads-up so they can move their cars. Get cash, prepare cash for tip. Prepare your Overnight Essentials Box. 	 Treat Yourself: Now is the time to get one last meal at your favorite neighborhood restaurant with friends or perhaps have a little glass of bubbly for the occasion. Do something relaxing to calm your mind.
OVERNIGHT ESSENTIALS BOX: Toilet Paper Paper Towels Phone Chargers Change of Clot Snacks/Water/Coffee Dish Soap and Scissors Pet Food and D Packing Tape Portable Tool K Garbage Bags Activities for king	Towel First Aid Kit Dish Kit
 Moving Day Keep an eye on things. Have snacks and water bottles on hand. Do a final sweep of the house Clear a path out of the house. Hand over the keys. Let your movers know which box should be loaded last. 	 Make sure loose items are packed in boxes. Make sure linens are removed from beds. All rooms, closets, and cabinets have been checked for misplaced/remaining items. Disassemble the remaining bedroom sets. Be at your new location to direct movers where to place things.
 Before You Leave the House: Turn off the lights. All windows are closed and locked. Surrender house keys. 	

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Final Walkthrough. Check one more time for any left-behind items.