

YOUR COMPLETE

Moving Timeline & Checklist

Moving to a new home is an exciting journey that requires careful planning and organization. This comprehensive checklist breaks down essential tasks into manageable timeframes, from six months before your move to your first week in your new home. Whether you're moving across town or across the country, use this guide to stay on track and ensure a smoother transition.

6 Months Before Moving

- Create your moving budget
- Research potential neighborhoods
- Start mortgage pre-approval process if buying
- Begin researching moving companies
- Create digital folder for moving documents
- Start decluttering and downsizing
- Take photos of valuable items

3-4 Months Before Moving

- Select and book moving company or reserve truck
- Begin house hunting or rental search
- Start collecting packing supplies
- Create inventory of valuable items
- Research schools if applicable
- Request time off work for moving day
- Begin collecting quotes for home insurance

2 Months Before Moving

- Begin packing non-essential items
- Contact current utility providers about disconnection
- Research utility providers in new location
- Update insurance policies
- Create floor plan for new home
- Schedule connection dates for new utilities
- Begin change of address process
- Research banking options in new area

1 Month Before Moving

- Transfer medical records
- Confirm moving dates with company/truck rental
- Continue packing room by room
- Clearly label all boxes
- Create list of moving day essentials
- Schedule cleaning services
- Organize important documents
- Set up mail forwarding with USPS

2 Weeks Before Moving

- Pack moving day essentials box
- Confirm all utility disconnection/connection dates
- Begin deep cleaning
- Arrange pet/child care for moving day
- Use up frozen food and perishables
- Confirm parking arrangements for moving truck
- Transfer prescriptions to new pharmacy
- Return borrowed items to neighbors/friends

Moving Week

- Pack remaining items
- Set aside important documents in secure folder
- Prepare appliances for move
- Get cash for tips and emergencies
- Confirm moving truck or movers
- Pack personal overnight bags
- Take photos of emptied rooms for security deposit
- Do final walkthrough with landlord if renting

Moving Day Essentials Box

- Important documents folder
- Basic tool kit
- Phone chargers
- Toiletries and medications
- Change of clothes
- Basic cleaning supplies
- First aid kit
- Snacks and water bottles
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Basic kitchen items (paper plates, utensils)
- Bedding and pillows
- Basic shower curtain
- Trash bags
- Box cutter
- Basic medications

First Week in New Home

- Change locks
- Deep clean before unpacking
- Set up utilities and wifi
- Locate essential services (grocery, pharmacy)
- Meet neighbors
- Register to vote at new address
- Find new healthcare providers
- Update driver's license/vehicle registration
- Test smoke detectors
- Create emergency exit plan

Important Documents Checklist

- Birth certificates
- Social Security cards
- Passports
- Marriage license
- Vehicle titles
- Medical records
- School records
- Insurance policies
- Tax documents
- Moving company contract
- New lease or home purchase papers
- Pet vaccination records