

Your 8-week moving checklist.

Ready. set. move!

8 weeks before

- Hire movers. Make sure they're licensed and bonded. Get an in-home estimate for greatest accuracy.
- Request time off work. Your move will be smoother if you can give it your full attention.
- Purge. Go through every room and get rid of items you don't want. Donate to charity, send to a consignment shop, or sell online.
- Contact your children's current and new schools. Get copies of current records and make sure you understand the record transfer and enrollment process.

6 weeks before

- Measure rooms and doorways to confirm your furniture will fit.
- Email your new address to family, friends, and colleagues.
- Make travel plans if you're moving more than a day away.
- Contact your healthcare providers (for pets, too) to get copies of records and arrange file transfers. Do this online if they have secure patient portals.
- Purchase packing materials if you're doing some or all of the packing.

4 weeks before

- Start your "Don't Pack It" list and box. These are items to keep out of the moving van. Some ideas include medication, important documents/records, electronic devices and chargers, jewelry and other valuables, soap, trash bags, toilet paper, tools, paper plates, snacks, and a change of clothing for each household member.
- Contact utility companies. Make sure they know your moving date and arrange for service transfer, cancellation, or installation as needed.
- Start now if you're doing your own packing. Label each box with the contents and the room it goes to in the new house. Number the boxes and keep an inventory.

2 weeks before

- Confirm the movers.
- Submit your address change to USPS.com. Change your address with important businesses, such as banks and credit card companies.
- Update or transfer your homeowners, vehicle, and other insurance.
- Clear out the freezer, fridge, and pantry.

1 week before

- Unplug and clean the appliances you're taking with you.
- Make sure utilities (gas, electricity, water, internet) will be ready at your new home.
- Confirm the movers one more time. Make sure you know how much you must pay on moving day and have a reliable contact for any questions.

Moving day

- Finish any real estate paperwork and keep it handy.
- Supervise the movers.
- Remove garbage and recycling.
- Sweep or vacuum.
- Do one last walk-through with a final check of areas like closets, cupboards, and drawers.
- Say goodbye to your old home and get ready to start your new chapter.



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