

Moving Checklist



8 Weeks Before Start Planning

- Moving date
- Set a moving budget
(include hidden costs)
- DIY truck rental
- Full-service movers
- Portable storage container
- Create a Moving Folder



6 Weeks Before Book and Prep

- Get quotes and book movers (or reserve a truck)
- Request time off work if needed
- Start collecting supplies: boxes, tape, markers, labels
- Create an inventory list (especially for valuables)
- Measure large furniture + check doorways at the new place



4 Weeks Before Paperwork & Address Changes

- Update your address with USPS
- Make a list of “who to notify,” such as:
 - employer and payroll
 - banks and credit cards
 - insurance providers
 - subscriptions and delivery services
- Schedule utilities for shutoff and start dates:
 - electric
 - water
 - internet
 - gas
- Confirm move-in details with landlord or realtor



2 Weeks Before Start Packing for Real

- Pack items you don't use daily
- Label boxes by room + “open first” priority
- Set aside important documents (keep with you, not in the truck)
Plan for pets and kids on moving day
- Use up freezer and pantry food to avoid waste

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4 Weeks Before Final Details

- Confirm movers, arrival time, and payment method
- Pack essentials separately (the “first night box”)
 - toiletries, meds, chargers, towels, paper towels
- Wash laundry and pack clothes strategically
- Take photos of electronics before unplugging
- Prepare your home for moving day:
 - clear walkways
 - protect floors
 - set aside tools



Moving Day Stay Calm and In Control

- Do a final walk-through of every room and closet
- Keep valuables with you (not in a box)
- Have snacks + water ready
 - Check off boxes as they leave the house
- Take photos of empty rooms (helpful for renters)
- Lock doors and return keys if needed



First Week After Moving Settle in Faster

- Unpack essentials first
- Check smoke detectors and safety items
- Update your address on:
 - driver’s license and vehicle registration (state rules vary)
- Locate nearby essentials:
 - grocery store, pharmacy, gas station
- Review your new monthly budget
 - rent/mortgage changes
 - utilities
 - commute costs



Moving Budget Costs People Forget

- Deposits and application fees
 - packing supplies
- Truck rental + mileage
 - gas and tolls
- Tips for movers
- Cleaning costs
- Storage unit fees
- New furniture or appliances
- Utility connection fees