

The Perfect Moving Checklist



PLAN & ORGANIZE YOUR MOVE

- Create A Moving Binder. Use this binder to keep your receipts, contracts, appointments, checklists
- Hire [Movers](#) (or rent a moving truck)
- Consider Storage (if needed)
- Request Time Off on Moving Day

CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

- Update your [Driver's License](#)
- Update your [Voters Registration](#)
- Forward your mail ([U.S. Postal Service](#))
 - Credit Bureau and Creditors: Stores, Credit Cards, Etc.
 - Financial Institutions: Bank, Stock, Loans, Etc.
 - Subscriptions: Newspapers, Magazines, Etc.
- Transfer / Disconnect Utilities.
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Gas
 - Phone
 - Internet/Cable/Satellite

BUY PACKING SUPPLIES

- Moving Boxes
- Packing Tape
- Check out our ([Amazon Finds](#))

PACKING TIPS

- Pack Ahead. Seriously, don't procrastinate!
- Pack for the new house, not the old one.
- Donate usable items ([Salvation Army](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#) or [Goodwill](#))
- Take Down and pack all pictures and wall décor. Use soap to fill in nail holes
- Pack clothes directly on hangers
- Take pics of electronics so you can remember how and where the wires go

- Label Your Boxes with their content and destination. Write FRAGILE (where needed)
- Pack dishes vertically, they'll be less likely to break
- Cover liquids with plastic wrap
- Keep zip lock bags handy to hold any disassembled furniture parts

1 WEEK – BEFORE YOU MOVE

- Stop buying groceries or donate non-expired perishables to your [local food bank](#)
- Pack a “necessities bag” to keep the items you will need first (toiletries, chargers, small tool kit, and some cleaning supplies.)
- Pack a “personal suitcase” with the things that you need easy access to. (Medications, change of clothes, snacks, and water)
- Transport valuable items yourself
- Re-confirm your reservations/appointments (movers, rentals, hotels, sitters etc.)

24HRS – BEFORE YOU MOVE

- Clean your fridge, then leave to defrost and dry
- Drain gasoline and other fluids from lawnmowers, generators, snowblowers, etc. and other machinery and tighten all gas caps
- Be fully packed BEFORE moving day

MOVING DAY

- Place Boxes Near the Front Entrance or garage for quick loading
- After the truck is loaded do a final walkthrough to check all rooms, closets, and cabinets for any missed items
- Don't forget to check if all water lines are shut off, light switches are set to off, windows are closed and locked
- Take photos of your new home before you move anything in.

