MOVING CHECKLIST

Date:

 **(8 Weeks Before Moving)**

* **Create a Moving Binder:** Keep all your moving documents, receipts, and checklists in one place.
* **Long-Distance Moving Company:** Choose a moving company experienced in long-distance moves. Ensure they are licensed for interstate moves and check their policies for moving across state lines.
* **Sort and Declutter:** Go through each room and decide what to keep, sell, donate, or throw away.
* **Create an Inventory:** List all items you're moving for insurance purposes.
* **Start Collecting Packing Supplies:** Boxes, tape, bubble wrap, etc.
* **Research State-Specific Regulations:** Look into any specific regulations or requirements in your new state, such as car registration, driver's license updates, and tax implications.

Date:

 **(6 Weeks Before Moving)**

* **Notify Schools:** If you have children, inform their current and future schools of the move.
* **Medical Records:** Arrange for the transfer of medical records and prescriptions to your new location.
* **Plan for Pets:** Schedule pet relocation and check for any pet regulations in your new area.
* **Start Packing Non-Essentials:** Seasonal items, rarely used gadgets, etc.
* **Measure New Spaces:** Ensure large furniture will fit in your new home.

Date:

**(4 Weeks Before Moving)**

* **Change of Address:** Notify the post office, banks, credit card companies, and subscription services.
* **Utilities:** Schedule the disconnection of current services and set up utilities at your new home.
* **Update Insurance Policies:** Ensure your home, auto, and health insurance policies are updated and effective in your new state.
* **Packing:** Continue packing, labeling each box with its contents and intended room.
* **Plan for Moving Day:** Arrange childcare or pet care for the day of the move.
* **Plan Travel Arrangements:** Book flights or plan your driving route, including overnight stays if necessary. Consider the logistics of moving pets and vehicles.

Date:

**(2 Weeks Before Moving)**

* **Confirm Moving Details:** Reconfirm the arrangements with your moving company.
* **Service Your Car:** If you're driving to your new home, ensure your car is in good condition.
* **Pack a Survival Kit:** Include essentials for the first few days (clothes, toiletries, medications, important documents).
* **Prepare Appliances:** Clean and prepare large appliances for the move.
* **Say Goodbyes:** Start saying goodbye to neighbors and friends.

 **(1 Week Before Moving)**

Date:

* **Final Packing:** Finish packing all items except essentials.
* **Double-Check Inventory:** Ensure all items are accounted for and boxes are properly labeled.
* **Prepare Payment for Movers:** Whether it's cash, check, or credit card.
* **Clean the House:** Perform a final clean-up of your old home.
* **Rest and Prepare Mentally:** Get plenty of rest and prepare yourself mentally for the move.
* **Prepare for Different Climate:** If moving to a region with a significantly different climate, pack appropriate clothing and gear in an easily accessible place.

Date:

 **(Moving Day)**

* **Supervise Movers:** Guide movers on which items to take and what to leave.
* **Final Walkthrough:** Check every room, closet, and cabinet before leaving.
* **Keep Essential Bag Handy:** Make sure your essentials bag is with you and not on the moving truck.
* **Record Utility Meter Readings:** Note down readings for future reference.
* **Carry Important Documents:** Keep all important documents (birth certificates, social security cards, etc.) with you during the move.

**After the Move**

* **Unpack Essentials:** Start with the essentials box.
* **Inspect Delivered Items:** Check for any damages or missing items.
* **Update Address:** Update your address for online services, driver's license, voter registration, etc.
* **Explore the Neighborhood:** Familiarize yourself with the local area, including emergency services, supermarkets, and community centers.
* **Meet the Neighbors:** Introduce yourself to your new neighbors.
* **Establish New Routines:** Start establishing your new daily routines.
* **Register Vehicle and Update Driver’s License:** Check the deadlines for updating your driver's license and vehicle registration in your new state.
* **Establish Legal Residency:** Update your address for voting and legal purposes.
* **Find Local Healthcare Providers:** Research and choose new healthcare providers, including transferring medical records.

**Ongoing**

* **Unpack and Organize:** Gradually unpack and organize your new home.
* **Home Maintenance:** Set up a schedule for regular home maintenance.
* **Stay Connected:** Keep in touch with friends and family from your previous location