

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.

Date:

(1 Week Before Moving)

- **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