

# Moving checklist



## 8 weeks before the move

- Create a folder for budget documents, receipts, & other records related to your move. This may come in handy during tax time.
- Research & gather quotes from:
  - Moving services
  - Truck rentals
  - Storage units
- Create an inventory list of the items in your home. Record large pieces of furniture, wall art, beds, etc. Measure large pieces of furniture to see if they can make it out of your old home & into your new home.
- Declutter your space—clean out closets, garage, drawers, & organize belongings into keep, donate, trash, & sell piles.
- Plan to transfer school & medical records.

## 4 weeks before the move

- Carefully review & confirm contracts from your moving service, storage unit, or truck rental.
- Make travel & care arrangements for moving day: pet sitter, babysitter, hotel, etc.
- Use the online moving calculator & your inventory list to estimate & purchase any needed packing materials.
- Begin packing—start with items & rooms you use less frequently. Label your boxes by content & room.
- Discontinue or transfer subscriptions, services, & memberships. Some may require a 30-day notice.
- Submit change of address forms with the United States Postal Service.



## 2 weeks before the move

- Schedule to turn on & off utilities:
  - Gas
  - Electricity
  - Trash & sewage
  - Cable & internet
  - Water
  - Pest control
- Change your address for all necessary accounts: online subscriptions, credit cards, banks, insurances, car registrations, job, etc.
- Clean out your refrigerator & freezer by meal-planning to eat perishable foods.
- If you are not hiring a moving crew, ask friends & family to help load & unload the moving truck.

## 1 week before the move

- Reconfirm moving-day details with the moving company and/or truck rental company.
- Unplug your fridge & freezer several days before the move to defrost before loading into the truck.
- Pack your suitcase & an essentials box with the items you will need immediately: prescriptions, chargers, toiletries, etc.
- Pack & carry important files & valuables with you, NOT on the moving truck.
- Prepare payments for your moving services, including a cash tip for your movers.
- Empty oil & gas from grills, heaters, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.
- Clean your current home & new home.