



Moving Checklist.

8 Weeks Before Your Move

Start the Planning Process

- Read through the full moving checklist so you understand the timeline.
- Create a moving binder or digital folder for estimates, contracts, receipts, inventory notes, floor plans, and important documents.
- Set a moving budget and start gathering moving estimates, including a free estimate from Heroes Moving & Storage.
- Compare professional moving services if you have not chosen a moving company yet.
- Gather updated pet records and check local pet registration requirements.
- Back up computers, photos, files, and important digital records. Plan to do one final backup the week of your move.
- List items that may need special handling, such as antiques, fragile items, instruments, safes, or pianos.
- Review your lease, closing documents, HOA rules, or building policies for moving requirements.
- Decide which moving services you may need, such as full-service packing and moving support, storage, or movers for loading, transportation, and unloading.

6 Weeks Before Your Move

Organize Dates and Documents

- If you have children, arrange for school or daycare records to be transferred.
- Review the floor plan of your new home and decide where major furniture pieces should go.
- Choose your moving company and confirm your preferred moving date.
- Start your change-of-address process with the post office.
- Make a list of everyone who should be notified of your move.
- Sort belongings into categories: move, donate, sell, recycle, discard, or store.
- Measure doorways, stairways, elevators, hallways, and room openings at both homes to confirm that large furniture can be moved safely.
- Ask your landlord, property manager, HOA, or building manager about moving-day requirements, if applicable.
- Begin packing items you rarely use, such as seasonal décor, books, guest room items, and specialty kitchenware.
- Update your address with billing accounts, identification records, benefits providers, medical offices, and essential services.



5 Weeks Before Your Move

Gather Packing Supplies

- Purchase new moving boxes in several sizes.
- Gather packing tape, packing paper, bubble wrap, markers, and labels.
- Consider wardrobe boxes for hanging clothes and specialty boxes for fragile items.
- Check with your mover about available packing supplies if you need boxes, tape, packing paper, or padding materials.
- Use colored labels or markers to assign boxes by room.
- Create a labeling system that includes room name, contents, and priority.
- Confirm your moving date with your mover.
- Begin packing nonessential items and labeling each box clearly.
- Decide which valuables, documents, medications, and hard-to-replace items you will personally transport.
- Sketch a basic furniture plan for the new home.
- Create room signs for moving day.
- Use new moving boxes rather than reused boxes. Reused boxes can lose integrity and compromise safety, especially if they have been bent, overloaded, exposed to moisture, or weakened during a previous move.



4 Weeks Before Your Move

Schedule Services and Prepare the Home

- Schedule utility shutoff at your current home for the day after your move.
- Schedule utility activation at your new home for the day before your move.
- Schedule internet, cable, and phone service shutoff at your current home for the day after your move.
- Schedule internet, cable, and phone service setup at your new home before moving day.
- Hold a yard sale, list items for sale, or donate belongings you are not moving.
- Review access details, including narrow streets, limited parking, apartment loading zones, elevators, long carries, and gated communities.
- Reserve elevators if you are moving into or out of a high-rise building.
- Check whether your street, apartment complex, or building requires a parking permit or has moving truck restrictions.
- Confirm where the moving truck can park on moving day.
- If needed, start enrollment steps for your children's new school.



3 Weeks Before Your Move

Pack Strategically

- Pack items you will not need before moving day.
- Label each box by room and contents.
- Create a moving-day essentials kit with medications, chargers, toiletries, basic clothing, basic cleaning supplies, snacks, pet supplies, important paperwork, and first-night essentials.
- Return library books, rented items, borrowed tools, and anything out on loan.
- Pick up dry cleaning or items being repaired.
- Safely dispose of items movers cannot transport, including flammables, corrosives, poisons, and hazardous materials.
- Separate fragile items that may need extra packing attention.
- Keep important documents in one clearly marked folder or bag. Do not place these documents on the moving truck. You will need to personally transport them during the move.
- Create a list of boxes that should be loaded last and opened first.





2 Weeks Before Your Move

Confirm Details and Handle Special Items

- Confirm your move-in date and moving-day plan.
- Contact your mover if you add or remove items from your moving inventory.
- Confirm any extra stops, including storage, donation centers, or a second delivery address.
- If your move includes storage away from your new home, confirm what should go directly to the new home and what should be stored.
- Plan meals around the food already in your refrigerator, freezer, and pantry.
- Avoid buying excess groceries that will need to be packed, moved, or thrown away.
- Have rugs and draperies cleaned, if needed, then leave them wrapped for moving.
- Obtain written appraisals for antiques or high-value items, if needed.
- Avoid waxing or oiling fine wood furniture before the move, since some products can soften wood and make it more vulnerable to pad marks.
- Avoid cleaning upholstered furniture immediately before storage, since trapped moisture can contribute to mold.
- Create a folder of home information for the new owners, including appliance manuals, warranties, garage codes, and maintenance details.
- Confirm which appliances need to be disconnected before the move and whether you can handle them yourself or need professional servicing.
- Confirm how large outdoor or specialty items should be prepared before moving day, including whether they need to be disassembled, disconnected, drained, cleaned, or handled by a specialist.
- Arrange child or pet care for moving day, if needed.
- Schedule house cleaning after move-out if necessary.

The Week of Your Move

Finish Packing and Prepare the Property

- Refill prescriptions and keep necessary medications with you, not on the moving truck.
- Do a final backup of computers, photos, files, and important digital records.
- Review your packing supplies early in the week and get more boxes, tape, padding, or labels if needed.
- Double-check your moving-day essentials kit and make sure it includes medications, chargers, toiletries, basic clothing for a few days, basic cleaning supplies, snacks, pet supplies, important paperwork, and first-night essentials.
- Make sure you have payment access available for moving-day needs, including cash if you plan to tip the moving crew.
- Finish packing all nonessential belongings.
- Label priority boxes as “Open First” or “Last Load” so your mover can identify which boxes should stay accessible and which items you may need right away.
- Drain garden hoses, and empty gas or oil from lawn mowers, grills, heaters, and outdoor equipment.
- Empty, defrost, and clean the refrigerator at least one day before moving.
- Pack and secure small appliances.
- Make sure all self-packed boxes are closed, taped, and labeled before the movers arrive.
- Unplug electronics and appliances at least 24 hours before your move when appropriate.
- Disconnect and drain the washer, dryer, and refrigerator if you are responsible for doing so.

- Clean empty rooms as packing finishes, and dispose of any debris or trash you are not taking with you.
- Check shelves, cabinets, closets, attics, basements, and garages for missed items.
- Collect keys, garage door openers, access cards, and parking passes.
- Check the weather and prepare for rain, heat, cold, or snow.
- Schedule a final walkthrough if needed.
- Take photos of your home before leaving.

The Day Before Your Move

Keep It Simple

- Confirm that utilities are connected at your new home.
- Charge cell phones, tablets, laptops, and portable chargers.
- Confirm the mover's arrival window.
- Set aside keys, payment method, mover contact information, and anything needed first thing in the morning.
- Pack or set aside snacks, water, pet items, and child care essentials for moving day.
- Keep cleaning supplies accessible.
- Clear pathways, driveways, elevators, and loading areas before moving day.
- Eat a good dinner, set out what you need for the morning, and go to bed early.



On Moving Day

- Wake up early and give yourself enough time to get ready.
- Do a final check to make sure movers have a clear, safe path through the home.
- Point out to your movers any fragile items, specialty items, or anything needing extra care.
- Keep children and pets safely away from loading areas.
- Keep valuables, medications, personal records, important documents, and your moving-day essentials kit with you during the move. Do not place these items on the moving truck.
- After the movers are done loading, check closets, cabinets, built-in drawers, appliances, attic spaces, basements, sheds, and garages for missed items.
- Turn off lights, air conditioning, heat, and water where appropriate.
- Do a final walkthrough before leaving.
- After everyone has exited the home, make sure windows and doors are shut and locked.
- Arrive at the new home early if possible.
- Direct movers to the correct rooms using labels or room signs.
- Unpack bedding, toiletries, basic kitchen items, and cleaning supplies first.
- Make the bed before you are too tired.
- Tip the moving crew if you choose to do so.
- Take a breath. You made it!



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