

MOVING ME

checklist

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BASIC PREPARATIONS

4-3 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVING DAY

Start choosing a moving company with thorough research. Get estimates for movers or rental truck.

Try to understand what services you need and can afford from those moving companies provide you with.

Create a moving budget trying to plan all your needs and expenses.

Get a quote from a moving company with excellent reviews that meet your needs and schedule your moving date and time. You can save your time choosing all-inclusive move as everything you need is calculated by the tool on the site <https://moving-me.com/free-moving-quotes/>.

Make inventory of household items.

Evaluate the amount and weight then decide what you can move yourself.

Fill out a change of address form from the US Postal Service.

Alert subscription services and banking institutions of your change of address.

Find medical, dental, and hospital services in your new neighborhood.

Transfer insurance services by location and change medical providers, if necessary.

Have a yard sale or donate items you don't want to bring along. Clean out closets and garage.

Ask for time off from work.

Gather and purchase moving supplies like boxes, tape, markers, and bubble sheets. Read more <https://moving-me.com/best-packing-materials-for-moving/>

List and calculate the value of each one of your belongings for insurance purpose.

Call utility companies to schedule turn off and turn on services, transfer, close, or open accounts.

3-2 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVING DAY

Think about those you want to stay in touch with. Make a list of addresses and phone numbers.

Make special moving arrangement for your pets and plants.

Read also <https://moving-me.com/moving-with-your-pets/>

Move your safe deposit box from one bank location to another.

Review home and auto insurance policies. Find out how changes in address affect your insurance beforehand.

Transfer your home insurance plan to the new location.

Find out from your moving company the amount of coverage you may expect in the event of a loss. Read also <https://moving-me.com/do-you-know-your-moving-rights/>

2-1 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVING DAY

When shipping a vehicle is part of the move, make sure to clean it out and top off the fluids.

Start packing. Label each box according to the room and fill it to the top. Read also <https://moving-me.com/packing-for-a-move/>

Set aside personal items such as documents and valuables that will travel with you.

Make lodging and travel arrangements.

Get rid of any flammable materials that cannot be moved.

Discontinue all delivery and maintenance services to the home.

Set aside packed boxes for easy access and seal them.

Eat all perishable foods and buy only what you're going to consume right away.

Clean out freezers and refrigerators of old and frozen foods.

1 WEEK BEFORE THE MOVING DAY

Arrange for payments at your destination, online, or however you arrange it.

Leave room for tips at the end of the day.

Drain fluids from equipment being moved such as lawnmowers.

If you are a renter, make sure you paint and fix all the things that you are responsible for according to the lease.

Ask the realtor at the location you are moving to give you a walk-through inspection of the property so there won't be any surprises.

Inspect, list and photograph the condition of the property you are leaving. Read also <https://moving-me.com/what-photos-to-take-before-moving/>

Plan for keys to be dropped off, left behind, and received.

THE DAY BEFORE THE MOVE

Pack the personal items you will need to carry with you during the move in a separate box or luggage. Read also <https://moving-me.com/whats-in-an-essentials-box/>

Take a last tour of the premises and make sure you are not leaving anything behind.

Keep all insurance policies, leases, and contracts, handy.

Clean out your refrigerator for the last time.

Get some sleep; you'll need all your energy for the big day.

MOVING OUT DAY

Be ready for the movers when they get there.

Get the mover's cell phones and names.

If disassembly and reassembly are included, make sure there are no loose parts left behind.

Once everything is loaded take a final walkthrough, open and close cabinets, turn lights and off.

Make sure you sign the "bill of landing" electing the valuation and protection of the household goods in the insurance coverage.

Check that the movers have the correct moving address.

Let your realtor at the new location know you expected time of arrival.

Make sure you lock all doors and windows.

Take a final picture of the place and say goodbye.