

# The Moving Checklist

A week-by-week plan to keep your move organized and stress-free. Check things off as you go!



8 WEEKS OUT

## Plan & Purge

- ☐ Start a moving folder for quotes, receipts and documents
- ☐ Get quotes and book movers, or reserve a truck
- ☐ Set your moving budget
- ☐ Declutter: sell, donate or toss what you won't move
- ☐ Request school and medical records
- ☐ Measure big furniture against your new rooms



4 WEEKS OUT

## Notify & Schedule

- ☐ Submit your USPS change of address
- ☐ Schedule utility shut-off and start dates (electric, gas, water, sewer, trash, internet)
- ☐ Update your address with banks, employer, insurance and subscriptions
- ☐ Gather boxes, tape and markers; label by room
- ☐ Pack rarely used rooms and items first
- ☐ Arrange childcare or pet care for moving day



2 WEEKS OUT

## Pack & Confirm

- ☐ Confirm movers: date, arrival time, addresses and parking
- ☐ Pack most rooms, leaving daily essentials
- ☐ Plan meals to use up the pantry and freezer
- ☐ Transfer or refill prescriptions
- ☐ Return borrowed items and pick up dry cleaning
- ☐ Safely dispose of items movers won't take (paint, propane, chemicals)

## Smart moving tips



**Label smart.** Mark the room and contents on two sides of every box.



**Snap a photo** of electronics wiring before you unplug anything.



**Pack a first-night bag** for each person, with pajamas and a change of clothes.

# Moving Week & Beyond



## MOVING WEEK

### Final Prep

- ☐ Pack an "open first" box: toiletries, chargers, medications, sheets, towels, snacks, tools and toilet paper
- ☐ Defrost and clean the fridge and freezer
- ☐ Confirm closing and key handoff times with me
- ☐ Keep documents, valuables and keys with you
- ☐ Disassemble furniture; bag and label the hardware
- ☐ Clean as you go



## MOVING DAY

### Out With the Old

- ☐ Be on hand to direct the movers
- ☐ Walk through closets, cabinets, garage and attic one last time
- ☐ Lock up and leave keys and openers as agreed
- ☐ Take meter photos at both homes
- ☐ Check your inventory as items are unloaded
- ☐ Set up beds first and unpack the "open first" box



## AFTER THE MOVE

### Settle In

- ☐ Change the locks and garage codes
- ☐ Test smoke and CO detectors; find the breaker panel and water shut-off
- ☐ Update your driver's license and vehicle registration
- ☐ Register to vote at your new address
- ☐ Register appliance warranties and file your closing documents
- ☐ Meet the neighbors and enjoy your new home!

## Important contacts

Moving company \_\_\_\_\_

Title company \_\_\_\_\_

Lender \_\_\_\_\_

Utilities \_\_\_\_\_

Internet \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_



## MOVING SOON?

**I'm happy to share trusted local movers, cleaners and other pros.**

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