

8 Weeks Before Moving

☐ Create a Moving Binder or Digital Folder:

- Include contracts, estimates, and important notes.
- Use apps like Google Drive or Dropbox for digital access.

☐ Research and Choose a Preferred Moving Company:

- Are they licensed and insured?
- Do they offer specialty services (e.g., storage services, special packaging)?
- What is their cancellation policy?
- Are packing and unpacking services available?
- Verify reviews on Google, Yelp, or the Better Business Bureau.

☐ Declutter Your Home:

- Start with storage areas (attics, basements, closets).
- Sort items into 'Keep,' 'Donate/Sell,' and 'Trash.'

☐ Plan a Yard Sale or Post Items Online:

Use platforms like Facebook Marketplace or Kijiji.

☐ Gather Important Documents:

- Birth certificates, passports, medical records and financial records.
- Store them in a secure, easily accessible container.

☐ Start Creating a Detailed Inventory List:

 Begin recording all items being moved, with photos and serial numbers for valuable items.

☐ Obtain Written Appraisals for Antiques or High-Value Items:

Document their value for insurance purposes in the event of mishaps.



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| □ Order Packing Supplies: | | | |
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| □ Estimate box sizes □ small boxes for books □ medium boxes for kitchenware □ large boxes for linens. □ Packing tape, packing peanuts, bubble wrap, and wrapping film | | | |
| ☐ Start Packing Non-Essential Items: | | | |
| Seasonal clothing, holiday decorations, and rarely used kitchen gadgets. Start packing and organizing items room by room | | | |
| ☐ Clean Specialty Items: | | | |
| Have rugs, draperies, and upholstery cleaned. Keep them wrapped for protection during the move. | | | |
| ☐ Measure Difficult-to-Move Items: | | | |
| Check dimensions of large furniture and appliances to ensure they fit through doorways, staircases, or elevators in your new home. Identify any items requiring specialty moving services. | | | |
| 4 Weeks Before Moving Confirm Moving Date with Your Movers: | | | |
| Double-check timing, services, and costs. | | | |
| ☐ Arrange Utilities in Your New Home: | | | |
| • Contact providers for electricity, gas, water, internet, and trash services. | | | |
| ☐ Schedule Utility Disconnections for Your Current Home: | | | |
| Include electricity, water, gas, and internet. | | | |
| ☐ Pack Less Frequently Used Items: | | | |
| Books, extra bedding, and off-season equipment. | | | |



| | Pre | pare a List of People and Businesses to Notify: | |
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| | • | Include banks, brokerage firms, any subscription services, and utility companies. | |
| ☐ Complete Minor Home Repairs: | | | |
| | • | Patch holes, fix leaks, and ensure the property is in good condition for the next occupants. | |
| | | eeks Before Moving pose of Hazardous Materials: | |
| | • | Paint, propane tanks, aerosols, and cleaning chemicals. | |
| | | *Follow local disposal guidelines. | |
| | Res | serve Elevators and Parking Spaces: | |
| | | Book the moving elevator in your apartment or condo. Confirm timing with building management. Arrange parking for the moving truck, obtaining prior permissions if needed. | |
| | roO | ntact Insurance Providers to Transfer Policies: | |
| | • | Notify your insurance company to transfer or update life, homeowners, or tenants insurance to your new address. | |
| | Pla | n for Pets and Plants: | |
| | | Research pet-friendly hotels for long-distance moves. Arrange for pet sitters or secure transport crates. Water plants thoroughly before moving day. | |



1 Week Before Moving

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| ☐ Prepare a Moving Day Essentials Box: | | | |
| Include kitchenware (a few plates, utensils, frying pan), non-perishable snacks, bottled water, cleaning supplies, basic tools, toiletries, medications, chargers, light bulbs, and batteries. | | | |
| \square Pack an Essentials Bag for Kids or Toddlers: | | | |
| Include clothes, diapers, snacks, favorite toys, and other necessities. | | | |
| ☐ Return Borrowed Items: | | | |
| Return any borrowed items such as tools, books, or other items to friends and family. | | | |
| ☐ Defrost and Clean Appliances: | | | |
| Empty the freezer and fridge. Leave doors open to dry. | | | |
| ☐ Label Boxes Clearly: | | | |
| • Use color-coded labels for each room. Mark 'FRAGILE' for delicate items. | | | |
| ☐ Pack a dufflebag for Immediate Needs: | | | |
| Include clothing, toiletries, and electronics for the first few days. | | | |
| ☐ Take Photos of Your Current Home: | | | |
| Document walls, floors, and appliances for your landlord or buyer. Document for any moving accidents that occur during the moving process | | | |
| ☐ Schedule Final Utility Meter Readings: | | | |
| Confirm disconnection dates with service providers. | | | |
| \square Gather Keys, Remotes, and Manuals: | | | |
| Leave these for the next occupants. | | | |
| ☐ Finish Packing All Items | | | |
| Ensure packing all items by 24 hours before move date. | | | |



On Moving Day □ 24 Hours Before Moving Day: • Double check all rooms, drawers, and closets for any overlooked items. □ Do a Final Walkthrough: • Check closets, drawers, cabinets, and basements for forgotten items. ☐ Supervise Loading and Unloading: • Ensure items are handled with care and check your inventory list. ☐ Keep Valuables with You: • Examples include jewelry, important documents, and electronics. ☐ Provide Instructions to Movers: Confirm which rooms boxes belong to in the new home. **After Moving** ☐ Unpack Essentials First: • Set up the kitchen, bedrooms, and bathroom essentials. ☐ Inspect Belongings for Damage: Report issues to your moving company immediately. ☐ Recycle or Donate Moving Supplies: Drop off boxes at recycling centers or donate to local charities. ☐ Leave a Google Review for Your Moving Company: • Share your experience to help others choose a reliable service. **☐** Explore Your New Neighborhood:

Introduce yourself to neighbors and familiarize yourself with local

amenities