

Moving Checklist

8 Weeks Before the Move: Schedule your Movers

- Find local agents associated with top [moving companies](#)
- Schedule at least three in-home estimates and ask:
 - How and when the pickup and delivery of your goods will occur
 - For contact information for before, during, and after the move
 - What happens if an item is damaged during the move
 - If the mover has a dispute settlement program
- Compare prices and services before deciding on a mover

6 Weeks Before the Move: Start Downsizing

- Measure out your new space
- Determine what furniture you want to keep
- Sell or donate unwanted items
- Start emptying the pantry
- Plan meals to use up perishable items

4 Weeks Before the Move: Start Packing

- Estimate the number of boxes you need
- Assess whether you want any speciality boxes:
 - Wardrobe
 - Dishware
 - Picture frame
 - TV
- Track your inventory as you pack it
- Don't forget to grab:
 - Tape
 - Permanent markers
 - Packing paper
 - Bubble wrap
 - Sandwich bags

2 Weeks Before the Move: Finalize the Paperwork

- Notify jobs, subscriptions, and billing companies of your new address
- Fill out a change of address form at the post office
- Transfer prescriptions to a new pharmacy
- Transfer or set up service with local utilities:
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Sewage
 - Trash
 - [Internet](#)

1 Week Before the Move: Finish Packing

- Pack an "Open First" box with a days-worth of essentials
- Photograph assembled electronics before packing
- Disassemble furniture
- Prepare appliances for moving
- Confirm what your movers will and won't move
- Set aside cleaning supplies for moving day
- If necessary, reserve an elevator or acquire a parking permit

The Day of Your Move

- Be present and available the whole day to help the movers
- Take pictures of any existing damage
- Accompany the movers as they inventory your belongings
- Carefully read all documents before signing them
- Keep the bill of lading until you are completely unpacked