

Your Step-by-Step Moving Checklist & Timeline

3 Months Out:

- Create a master moving checklist and digital folder for documents
- Set a realistic moving budget
- Research moving options (professional movers vs. DIY)
- Begin a declutter checklist room by room
- Donate, sell, or discard items you don't want to move
- Start collecting important documents (IDs, insurance, medical records)

2 Months Out:

- Book movers or reserve a moving truck
- Request time off work if needed
- Begin notifying schools, childcare providers, and employers
- Start gathering packing supplies
- Create an inventory of large or fragile items

6 Weeks Out:

- Pack non-essential rooms first (storage, guest rooms, décor)
- Label boxes by room and priority
- Begin updating your address with banks, subscriptions, and service providers
- Transfer medical and school records
- Set up mail forwarding

4 Weeks Out:

- Schedule utility shutoff and start dates
- Confirm internet and cable installation
- Arrange final walkthroughs or inspections
- Back up important digital files
- Review moving contracts and timelines

2 Weeks Out:

- Pack most household items
- Set aside essentials you'll need daily
- Confirm moving day details with movers
- Prepare appliances and furniture for transport
- Dispose of hazardous or restricted items

1 Week Out:

- Pack remaining items (except essentials)
- Prepare cash, tips, and paperwork for movers
- Clean your current home

- Charge devices and pack chargers
- Prepare pets and children for moving day

Moving Day (former home):

- Do a final walkthrough
- Keep important documents with you
- Supervise loading and answer questions
- Lock doors, turn off lights, and secure the property
- Confirm delivery details at your new home

After You're Moved In (Within Your First Week):

- Unpack essentials first
- Check utilities and systems
- Change locks if needed
- Update driver's license and voter registration
- Explore your new neighborhood

Moving? Here's What You Need:

- Boxes (various sizes)
- Packing tape
- Bubble wrap and packing paper
- Mattress and furniture covers
- Permanent markers
- Labels or color-coded stickers