

The Ultimate Moving Checklist & Timeline

8 Weeks Before the Move

- If renting, provide notice to your landlord to avoid last-minute issues.
- Create a digital or physical moving binder to track documents and receipts.
- Research and request quotes from movers. MovingPlace makes this step easy with trusted, vetted options.
- Take inventory of your belongings so nothing gets forgotten or misplaced.
- Plan a moving budget including labor, supplies, and travel.
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6 Weeks Before the Move

- Order moving supplies such as boxes, tape, and labels. See our Moving Supplies List for suggestions.
- Start decluttering each room, beginning with storage areas or out-of-season items.
- Sell, donate, or toss anything you don't want to take with you.
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4 Weeks Before the Move

- Start packing non-essential items and clearly label each box by room and contents.
- Sign any necessary contracts, secure elevator access and/or parking permits if applicable.
- Schedule utility service setup for your new home and cancellation for your current one.
- Let schools, doctors, and other providers know about your change of address.
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2 Weeks Before the Move

- Confirm the date and time with your moving company or helpers.
- Pack more frequently used rooms and mark fragile boxes.
- Arrange care for children or pets to make moving day smoother.
- Use up food in the fridge and freezer to reduce waste.
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1 Week Before the Move

- Pack an essentials box with toiletries, a change of clothes, and chargers.
- Disassemble any large furniture that won't fit through doorways as-is.
- Double check hotel bookings, routes, and travel times if you're moving long-distance.
- Backup your phone, computer, and important files just in case.
- Confirm details with movers.
- Prep a few easy meals.
- Deep clean where you're able.
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Moving Day

- Do a final walkthrough of your old home to make sure nothing gets left behind.
- Take photos of empty rooms to document the condition (especially useful for rentals).
- Supervise the movers or load the truck yourself—handle fragile boxes with care.
- Keep valuables, medications, and important documents with you.
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After the Move

- Unpack essentials first—think toiletries, bedding, chargers, and kitchen basics.
- Update your address with banks, subscriptions, and service providers.
- Leave a review for your movers to help others make informed decisions.
- Explore your new neighborhood and start settling in.