

Your Moving Checklist

30 Days Before You Move

- Get rid of anything you aren't bringing with you.
- Find out where to dispose of household chemicals like old paint.
- Make a list of everything you're bringing to your new home.
- Find out the replacement value of all belongings, for insurance purposes.
- Fill out a change of address form. Notify friends, family and others of your new address.
- Fill out an IRS change of address form.
- Get copies of your medical and dental records, if necessary.
- Get copies of veterinary records, if necessary.
- If you're moving out of state, find out about auto licensing and insurance.
- If you're moving in-state, find out where and how to change your address on your driver's license.
- Notify your kids' schools and have their records transferred to their new schools.
- Return any cable equipment.
- Make hotel and airline reservations if you need them.

8 to 14 Days Before You Move

- Return any borrowed items.
- Collect all the items you may have loaned out.
- Make arrangements to disconnect gas, electric and other utilities.
- Make arrangements to connect utilities at your new place.
- Arrange to have major appliances prepped for the move.

2 to 3 Days Before You Move

- Get rid of all flammables.
- Figure out what you're bringing with you in the car or plane.
- Arrange for removal of "installed items" you're bringing with you, like a TV antenna or shelves.
- Pack a suitcase with the clothes and toiletries you'll need the first day in your new home.
- Pack a special box with other essentials you'll need for the first few days. (Make sure to mark this box "Do Not Move").

The Day Before Moving Day

- Take down curtains and curtain rods.
- Empty, defrost and clean your refrigerator. Make sure it has at least 24 hours to air dry.
- Clean and air your stove.
- Pack your personal belongings except your alarm clock.

Moving Day

- Collect all keys to lockable items. Put them in a safe place.
- Make sure you're at home when the movers arrive, so you can sign an inventory.
- Walk around with the crew chief while he does the inventory.
- Make sure everything is ready for the move.
- Keep your signed bill of lading and inventory in an easily accessible place.
- Make sure the driver has the correct delivery address and phone number.
- Confirm the expected delivery time with the driver.
- Before you leave, do a final walk through of every room.
- Check all closets and cabinets.