

THE

ULTIMATE

MOVING

CHECKLIST

IMLACH
GROUP

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8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY



START YOUR BUDGET

Take a realistic look at your financial situation and decide whether it will be more cost-effective to make your move with professional movers or to move yourself.



RESEARCH COMPANIES

This may appear overwhelming at first, but our service agents are [here](#) to answer each question you may have about your upcoming move.



COMPARE MOVING QUOTES

Our professionals here at Imlach recommend at least three quotes and each quote from a different van line. Avoiding online move brokers can be difficult; [here](#) are the signs you want to look for.



CREATE A MOVING DOC

This is where you will keep track of important information, deadlines, quote comparisons, etc.

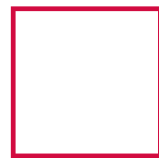


ASK YOUR MOVERS ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Are you properly licensed?
How does your insurance work?
Can you provide a binding quote?

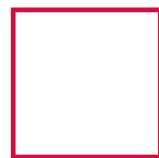


ASK FOR A BINDING ESTIMATE SO YOU HAVE A GUARANTEED PRICE



CHECK YOUR MOTOR AND DOT NUMBER

Click [here](#) to access this information.



RESEARCH INSURANCE VS. VALUATION

Click [here](#) to get a quick debriefing of the difference between these two options so you know exactly what to expect and understand why we choose valuation.

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7 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

☐ DECIDE ON THE FURNITURE YOU WON'T BE TAKING TO YOUR NEW HOME

Get rid of furniture you don't want in your new home because extra furniture will cost you more to move. Take a look at your new home's blueprint to figure out which items will work in your new space and what you need to discard.

☐ DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO PACK YOURSELF

We will pack the things that have the most risk of being broken. If you want to do part of the move yourself and discuss it with your moving agent, be sure you're packing the things you won't easily damage. Think things like: towels, clothes, and sturdy items that won't break.

☐ TALK TO YOUR MOVE REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT ANY ITEMS YOU HAVE THAT NEED SPECIAL CARE

We have a whole list of items that we will look out for in your home to ensure nothing is overlooked. It's always a good idea to speak with your agents about your areas of concern for moving items.

☐ LOOK INTO NEW SCHOOLS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

Use this [link](#) for a quick list and rundown of the schools near your new home.

☐ REQUEST TIME OFF FOR MOVING DAY(S)

This is a big one! Trying to get off work last minute is no fun and it creates a stressful situation for all parties involved.

☐ DESIGN A DECLUTTERING METHOD

Thrift stores, garage sales, and donation boxes are great ways to clear out.

☐ VISIT YOUR NEW COMMUNITY

It's always a good idea to gather up the family or go solo to scout out your future surroundings. Check out local restaurants, museums, and other specific points of interest you may find yourselves visiting in the coming months.

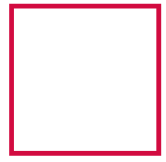
☐ RESERVE YOUR STORAGE

Pro tip: Depending on the size of your move, it is often cheaper to reserve a storage unit with your mover than to rent one.



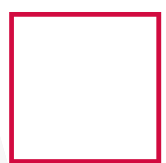


7 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY



TAKE PHOTOS OF THE BACKS OF YOUR ELECTRONICS

This makes for a more efficient setup in your new home because it can be tricky to remember where all the wires go.



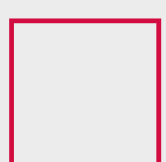
MAKE A ROOM BY ROOM PACKING SCHEDULE

You'll want to start in the rooms that are generally the least used. For examples click [here](#).



IF YOU'RE MOVING TO A METROPOLITAN AREA, CHECK IF YOUR STREET REQUIRES MOVING PERMITS

[Here's](#) a quick way to find out whether you'll need a permit.



IF YOU'RE MOVING INTO A HIGH- RISE BUILDING, CHECK IF YOU NEED TO RESERVE A MOVING DOCK OR ELEVATOR



RESEARCH PACKING TIPS AND HACKS

Check out the Imlach Group blog; we constantly update our readers with new and innovative packing tips.

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6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

☐ INVENTORY YOUR VALUABLES

A list of things to take yourself can be found [here](#)!

☐ SCHEDULE YOUR MOVERS

It's finally time to make that commitment!

☐ START COLLECTING BOXES

If you're planning on boxing some yourself, check places like eBay and Facebook Marketplace before heading to an equipment or hardware store – they're often free or much cheaper.

☐ TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT MOVING

Explaining the moving process to your children equips them with the preparation they need for the new and unexpected things they will be experiencing during the move.

☐ FIND A HAPPY MOVING DAY PLAYLIST

Always a must to relieve stress and get you pumped for a full day of moving. Check out these playlists on our Spotify for some excellent moving day jams and de-stressors.

☐ IF YOU ARE TRAVELING A LONG DISTANCE ON MOVING DAY, HAVE YOUR VEHICLE SERVICED

☐ MEASURE ALL ENTRYWAYS AT YOUR NEW HOME TO ENSURE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WILL FIT

☐ BEGIN PACKING A FEW BOXES DAILY

You'll find the stress of moving goes down by 99% when you only bite off chunks at a time. Even better, leave it to us to take care of everything!

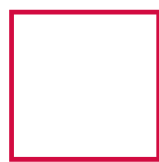
☐ MAKE A LIST OF FRAGILE ITEMS THAT WILL NEED SPECIAL CARE

☐ SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS YOU MAY BE MOVING AWAY FROM





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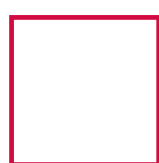
LOOK INTO NEW SERVICES

Find new dentists, vets, and other essential service providers in your new neighborhood. Click [here](#) to browse through recommended dentists in your area.



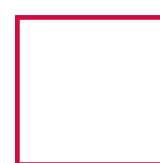
NOTIFY SCHOOLS OF YOUR MOVE

Also, get school transcripts sent over to your children's new school.



CONTACT YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER

If you're moving to a new zip code, you may need to purchase a new plan.



RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS, MOVIES, AND VIDEO GAME RENTALS TO AVOID FINES

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END OR TRANSFER YOUR MEMBERSHIPS

Gym, tanning salon, yoga studio, library, resorts, pool, etc.



CHECK YOUR HOME-OWNER AND AUTO-INSURANCE

Make sure they operate in your new location. If you're planning on switching auto insurance companies when you move, [here's](#) how you do it.





4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

☐ USE OR DONATE ITEMS THAT YOU CAN'T PACK OR SELL

Even though donating items can be a big stress reliever, it's often difficult to know where to start. Try [here](#).

☐ GATHER ALL FINANCIAL, LEGAL, AND MEDICAL RECORDS IN ONE PLACE

☐ SET UP HOME SERVICES SUCH AS WIFI, CABLE, AND OTHER NONESSENTIAL PROVIDERS

☐ BOOK HOTELS/FRIENDS HOUSES ALONG THE WAY IF YOU'RE MOVING CROSS COUNTRY

[Here's](#) an easy way to find all the hotels on your route.

☐ HAVE YOUR RUGS CLEANED, AND DON'T UNROLL THEM UNTIL THEY'RE IN YOUR NEW HOME

☐ BEGIN PACKING

Use your room-by-room method and all the organizational tips you researched a few weeks ago! Don't forget to pack non-essential items first.

☐ MAKE SURE ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE AWARE OF YOUR MOVE

This will avoid items being sent to your old address. Additionally, organize with your local post office to forward all mail to your new address.

☐ MAKE A NOTE OF ALL TAX DEDUCTIBLE MOVING EXPENSES

☐ HOST A GARAGE SALE FOR ALL THE THINGS YOU COULDN'T GET RID OF THROUGH EBAY AND CRAIGSLIST





2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

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CLEAN OUTDOOR FURNITURE

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**TRANSFER YOUR
PRESCRIPTIONS**

Find the closest pharmacy to your new home and set up your medication pick-up.

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**ARRANGE FOR CHILD CARE ON
MOVING DAY**

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**GO THROUGH YOUR MOVING
FILE AND LOOK OVER AND
REORGANIZE YOUR
DOCUMENTS**

This will give you peace of mind so that on moving day you know everything is taken care of.

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**FIND A PLACE FOR YOUR PETS TO
STAY DURING THE PROCESS**

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**DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH ALL
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THAT YOU
WANT TO TAKE THAT ARE
PERISHABLE**

Things like plants which require special care and attention.

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MOVING WEEK

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DONATE UNOPENED FOOD

Find out where you can donate [here](#).

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WATCH THE WEATHER CHANNEL AND PREPARE FOR RAIN OR SNOW

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IF YOU RENT, INSPECT YOUR OLD HOME WITH YOUR PREVIOUS LANDLORD

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UNPLUG YOUR FRIDGE AND FREEZER TO DEFROST THE NIGHT BEFORE

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EMPTY OIL AND GAS FROM GRILLS, HEATERS, LAWNMOWERS, AND SNOW BLOWERS

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PACK AN ESSENTIALS BOX WITH EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED FOR YOUR FIRST 24 HOURS IN YOUR NEW HOME

[Here](#) is a quick list.

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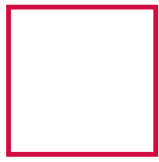
WORK WITH YOUR COORDINATOR TO IDENTIFY THE BEST UNPACKING SOLUTION

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MOVING DAY



GET A SUPER EARLY START

You want to have a reasonable amount of time to unpack shower curtains and make beds for the first night.



DO A FINAL SWEEP OF THE HOUSE

That way when you get to your new home you are sure all your belongings will be coming with you.

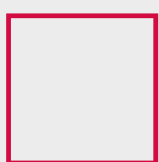


TIPS FOR YOUR MOVERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED BUT NEVER NECESSARY



ENJOY YOUR FIRST NIGHT IN YOUR NEW HOME

Order take out or make an easy meal for quick clean-up.



THANK YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT OR BROKER

They're the reason why you've moved into your beautiful new home, so be sure they know how grateful you are!



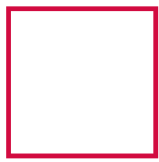
HAVE WATER BOTTLES ON HAND & STAY HYDRATED!

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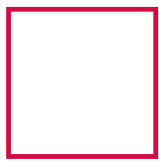


POST MOVE WEEK



START UNPACKING!

Begin in rooms with essential items like kitchen and bathrooms. Take it day by day, don't get too overwhelmed or leave things half done for later



COORDINATE A TRASH (OLD BOXES) PICKUP WITH YOUR MOVING COMPANY



CLEAN THE CARPETS IN YOUR NEW HOME

This is a game changer, especially if you're renting and there have been many, many renters there before you.

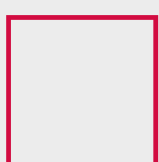


POST LEFTOVER MOVING BOXES OR UNWANTED FURNITURE ON CRAIGSLIST



LEAVE YOUR MOVER A REVIEW

Movers get most of their business from good reviews.



RESEARCH THE BEST HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS AND GET ONE

Sit back, relax, and enjoy your new home!

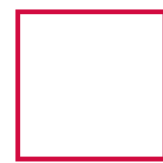


GO GROCERY SHOPPING

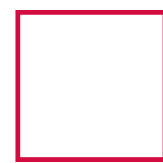
Or, have your groceries picked out in store and delivered into the bag of your car through the contactless delivery service.



CHECK ALL YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE WORKING PROPERLY



MAKE COPIES OF YOUR NEW KEYS FOR YOUR FAMILY AND BABYSITTERS ETC.



GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBORS

Introducing yourself right off the bat will create a friendly atmosphere and they will be far more likely to respect your space and living comfort once you're acquainted.



PLAN A HOUSEWARMING PARTY

Buy some fun new games to add to your new home collection and play with friends!

