



Guide for easy moving

Moving tips help you reduce
the stress of moving
and be more organized.



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First of all



It is critical that you plan every aspect of your relocation. Do you want to hear the good news? We're here to help. And we're not going to lie about it. There's a lot to do in order to be ready. Even so, you'll be glad you started early and had this ultimate moving checklist to keep you on track.

For a Large House



Numbering rooms and boxes instead of writing names, so it will be easier for movers to navigate where things should be.

Label each box



Labeling boxes with its contents and where it should be stored in the new home is a great way to organize your belongings. It helps movers and also ensures that nothing gets lost.



Remove Unnecessary



You don't want to carry boxes and containers with things you know you'll never use again. You can sell them, throw them away or give them to charity.

Let us know any changes



Make sure to let us know any changes to your relocation 72-hours prior to the move to avoid cancellation and date-change charges.

Book loading doc



Pack all miscellaneous items into boxes



Empty all drawers and pack all miscellaneous items into boxes (Trash bags WILL NOT be moved in the truck unless with pillows/towels etc.).

Apply to your county for moving permits



Apply to your county for moving permits, if you think there will be a lack of parking next to your apartment or house. Parking for trucks needs to be as close as possible to your home entrance, because it makes moves more efficient and protects you from paying any associated parking tickets.

Reserve elevators



Make sure the elevators at both locations are reserved and available for you on the day of your move!



5 weeks before the move



Five weeks before your move, double-check that everything is in order. Make time to spend with family and friends if you are moving. After that, organize your belongings (and life in general). Five weeks is plenty of time to get everything in order.

Create a Timeline and use this Checklist



Start by creating a timeline of what needs to be done and when. It helps you keep track of everything, while also keeping yourself on schedule - Starting at least five weeks out will give you enough time to get organized and allow for minor delays that may occur along the way.

Create a budget for moving expenses



Write down what you think it will cost to move, and then add an extra \$500-1000 for good measure. It's always better to overestimate than underestimate when doing your estimates.

Schedule estimates with a moving company



Once you have a timeline in place, schedule appointments with movers to come out and give you quotes. Many moving companies offer free or low-cost consultations so that they can meet with you at your home and go over all of the details for your move as well as provide an estimate on what it will cost. This will also allow them to see what your moving needs are and how they can best meet them.

Declutter your home



Once you have your timeline and budget in place, it's time to get started with the big stuff. The first thing that you should take care of is decluttering your home. You want to remove as many things from your house as possible before moving day comes around because this will help reduce what needs to be moved into smaller loads which can help speed up the process.

Try to make your move during an off-peak time



Moving during a peak time will result in higher prices from moving companies. If you schedule your move for off-peak times, such as on the weekends or early mornings, movers may be more inclined to offer special rates and discounts since they have less traffic coming through their offices at that point of the day.

Schedule a time with your movers

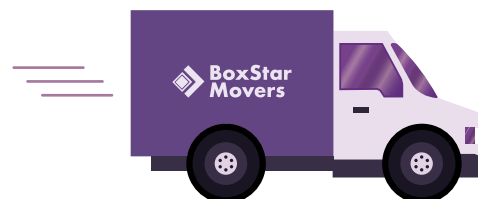


Hiring movers is a great way to ensure that your belongings get from one place to another safely and efficiently. When you schedule the move with them, be sure to provide them with an inventory list so they know exactly what will need to be moved where! This cuts down on confusion between both parties and ensures there won't be any misunderstandings about what needs to get done.

Schedule disconnect times for utilities



Be sure to schedule times for utilities, such as gas and electricity, to be disconnected at least two days before you plan on moving. This will prevent any accidents from happening due to living wires or leaks in the home that could cause damage once your belongings are removed later down the road.



1 week before the move



The big day is in just in a week. Change the address on all of your accounts. Before the week is up, make sure your moving list is complete. You'll be happy you did!

Prepare your belongings for the move



If you have a big move coming up, it is best to prepare your belongings for the move at least one week before. This gives you ample time to pack everything and organize what will be going into boxes of what won't need extra special care during transit.

Gather all your important documents



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Watch the weather channel



You want to make sure you are watching the weather channel one or two days before your move. This way, you can prepare for inclement weather and ensure that everything goes smoothly when the moving day arrives!

Prepare for your final walkthrough with your landlord



If you have a final walkthrough with your landlord, be sure to bring all the keys and documents that they may need including any remaining rent or damage deposits. This will ensure that everything goes smoothly for both of you during this last stop!

Pack up any fragile items



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Unplug your fridge, freezer to defrost the night before



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During the move



All of your relocation preparations have led you here. On the day of your move, it's critical to get an early start. The sooner you move in, the more time you will have to finish unpacking and adjust to your new surroundings.

Pack any last-minute items



Don't forget to pack any special items that need taking care of. If you have a lot of fragile things, it might be worth getting additional help for this day (friends, family members). Anything unusual like antiques should take extra time and consideration as well. Do not leave anything behind!

Do a pre-loading walk-through



Once everything is packed, take one last walk through your home to double-check that you've remembered anything. You want the movers to know exactly what's going and where it should be placed when they arrive at your new place.

Protect floors and carpets during the move



Use floor runners or area rugs to protect wood flooring, especially in high traffic areas. Also protect carpet and hardwood floor by laying a carpet mask. Similar to stretch wrap, a carpet mask provides a reliable layer of protection from dirt and minor scratches. Carpet masking is relatively affordable, especially when compared to the cost of replacing or cleaning your current carpet. The most common size is 24" x 200' and will vary in price, usually between \$30-\$60 on Amazon. Carpet masks have self-adhesive, install easily and have non-slip surfaces. Also ask your movers for extra protection materials to protect your floor on your moving day.

Meet the Movers, be kind and considerate to them



The movers should arrive at your house on time and be ready to work. They might not have any idea of what you're like but it's best if they get a good impression from the start, so try to come across as kind and understanding (if that is who you are) while also getting straight into business.

Clean and secure your old home



After the movers have left, you'll want to take some final precautions before leaving your old home too. Don't forget to clean and secure your old home! Give it a good sweep through before you go so that nobody has any reason to come back or break-in.



After the move



You've already moved in! The moving checklist is nearly complete, but you're not done yet. Now is the time to start making your new home your own. Unpacking, decorating, and having fun are all ways to personalize your new home.

Inspect your boxes and containers



Before you start unpacking all your boxes, it is important to take a look at them. Make sure that the tape on the box has not been tampered with and check for any damage or leakage in case something was broken during transit. If there are items inside the container, make sure they are still intact before you unpack everything else!

Start unpacking the essentials



As soon as you can, start unpacking the essentials. These include kitchen items such as plates and utensils, toiletries for your bathroom, clothes to hang in your closet or set aside if they need dry cleaning immediately, bedding, and towels. Now is also a good time to put up curtains on any windows that may be left bare.

Get your utilities up and running



After you have unpacked the essentials, it's time to get your utilities up and running. Open a new account with your gas company or call them if they have already sent out an agent by this point in time. The same thing applies to electricity companies as well! Get internet service installed at home - some providers might be able to do so right at your doorstep!

Update your address



After you have moved into your new home, make sure that you update all of your information with the relevant authorities including banks, credit cards companies, medical offices/ insurance providers...you name it!

Know about emergency needs



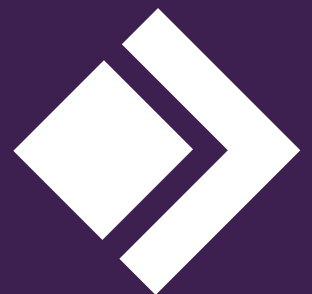
Lastly, remember to take care of any emergency needs. Keep your meds stored in a safe place and make sure that you have fresh water on hand just in case the mainline is damaged or disrupted during moving!



Wow! We've all run out of air. Congratulations on your survival!

We hope our ultimate moving
checklist has served as the end-all
and be-all of moving checklists.

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