

Two Months Before

- Sort & Purge.** Go through your house and decide what you're keeping and getting rid of. Think about any items will require special packing or extra insurance coverage.
- Research** your moving company options. Always get an estimate in writing from each company with a USDOT (US Dept of Transportation) number on it.
- Binder:** Keep a moving binder to track everything being moved
- School Records:** Transfer your/children's records.

Six Weeks Before

- Order supplies:** Order boxes, tape, Bubble Wrap and permanent markers, specialty containers, e.g dish barrels or wardrobe boxes.
- Use up things you don't want to move, like frozen, perishable foods and cleaning supplies.
- Take Measurements:** Measure large furniture and check room dimensions at your new home to make sure pieces will fit through the door.

One Month Before

- Select Movers:** and confirm the arrangements. Select a company and get written confirmation of your moving date, costs, and other details.
- Start packing:** Things you use most infrequently. Note items of special value that might require additional insurance. Important! Declare, in writing, any items valued over \$100 per pound.
- Labels:** Number each box with its contents and the room it's destined for. This will keep an inventory of your belongings.
- Essentials:** Pack & Label "essentials" boxes of items you'll need immediately.
- Separate valuables:** Add jewelry and important files/items to a safe box. Put the mover's estimate in this box for reference on moving day.
- Change of Address:** Fill out a change-of-address form online at usps.gov. Ask a close neighbor to check your mail after you've moved.
- Notify important parties:** Banks, Brokerage firms, your employer's H/R department, magazine and newspapers, credit card, insurance, and utility companies.
- Medical records:* Forward to new health-care providers or obtain copies.

Two Weeks Before

- Day Off:** Arrange to be off from work on moving day.
- Car Tune up:** Check with your the mechanic what services might be needed if you're moving to a new climate.
- Safe-Deposit Box:** Clean out your box. Place them in the safe box that you are taking with you on moving day.
- Contact Movers:** Reconfirm the arrangements.

One Week Before

- Rxs:** Refill prescriptions. Stock up on prescriptions for the next couple of weeks.
- Pack Suitcases:** Finish your general packing a few days before your moving date. Then pack suitcases for everyone with enough clothes to wear for a few days.

A Few Days Before

- Defrost:** Refrigerator/Freezers. If your refrigerator is moving also, empty, clean, and defrost it at least 24 hours before moving day.
- Double-Check:** Reconfirm the moving company's arrival time and other specifics and make sure you have prepared exact, written directions to your new home for the staff. Include contact information, such as your cell phone number.
- Payment:** If you haven't already paid the Mover with a credit card, get a money order, cashier's check, and cash for tip. If they did a good job, 10-15% of the total fee is a good tip. If your move was especially difficult, you might tip each mover up to \$100. Supplying movers with refreshments are always appreciated.

Moving Day

- Confirm with Movers:** Make sure the moving truck is from the company you hired: The USDOT number painted on its side should match the number on the Estimate. Scams are common.
- Take inventory:** Before the movers leave your home, sign the bill of lading/inventory list and keep a copy.



Utilities and Subscriptions

- Banks
- Cable
- Credit Cards
- Doctors
- Dentist
- Dept Motor Vehicle
- Garbage
- Gas & Electric
- Insurance Company
- Internet (ISP)
- Lawn Service
- Medical Plan/Group
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Pharmacy
- Post Office
- Schools
- Telephone
- Water

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