



The Ultimate Moving To Do List

Eight Weeks Until Moving Day

- Do your research. [Request a quote](#) from a handful of local moving companies and mobile storage container rental companies to weigh up your options. Ask friends for [packing and moving tips](#) and opinions on local movers.
- Create a moving binder. This will be the home for all your receipts, records, inventory list, and of course a copy of your moving house checklist!
- Create a budget for moving expenses.
- Sort and Purge! Go through all your belongings and sort items to keep, donate, sell, and throw away.
- Donate to a local charity or hold a garage sale. Take items you are throwing out to a recycler or dump.
- Research your new community.
- Check with your employer about moving expense benefits. Some of your moving expenses may be covered or may be tax exempt.
- Get a floor plan of your new home. Take detailed measurements.
- Make any repairs you have committed to finishing before your move.

Six Weeks Until Moving Day

- Get [packing supplies](#) (boxes, tape, stuffing, padding, permanent markers, etc.)
- Start cooking with any stored food.
- Schedule disconnection of utilities (phone, internet, cable, water, garbage, gas, and electric).
- Inform your children's school of the move and gather school records.
- Contact your insurance agent to see about any changes to your policies.
- Contact any clubs or health clubs or organizations to cancel or transfer memberships.

- Compile records (medical, dental, prescription, legal, and financial) and ask for referrals.
- Return rented or borrowed items to their owners.
- Inventory all valuable items. Keep your list in your moving binder.
- Remove items in a storage shed or attic.
- List everyone you need to notify about your move (creditors, subscriptions, family, professional contacts, friends, etc.)
- Will you need more than a few hours to move? Need the flexibility of a few days or weeks to move? Be sure to look into [moving and storage solutions](#) that can be delivered, picked up and unpacked at your convenience.

One Month Until Moving Day

- Choose your method of moving and confirm timelines and arrangements for your move.
- Start packing belongings into boxes. Begin with items you use infrequently. Note valuable items that may need insurance from the moving company.
- Label boxes. Clearly write on the box which room it is destined for and its contents.
- Separate valuables to be moved personally and label the boxes DO NOT MOVE.
- Visit your local post office and complete a "Change of Address" form.
- Make any special travel arrangements for pets.
- Have your car serviced.
- Create a box for tools or parts you may need on moving day.
- Create a list of serial numbers for electronics or other valuable items.

2 Weeks Until Moving Day

- Continue packing and cleaning as you go.
- Arrange to be off work on your moving day. No need to miss work if you have rented a portable storage container. Your driver can pickup and deliver your BigSteelBox without you having to be on location.
- Clean out any safe-deposit boxes.
- If you hired a moving company, contact and re-confirm your arrangements in case of double bookings. It happens more than you think.
- Plan your meals for the last two weeks and use up leftover food.
- Assemble a folder of important info for the next homeowner.
- Arrange someone to watch any small children on moving day.
- Pack suitcases with personal items.
- Fill any prescriptions.
- Note any current damages to your furniture. Keep in your moving binder.
- If travelling far, notify your credit card company of the relocation.
- Get rid of flammables (paint, propane, gasoline, etc.) and drain gas and oil from lawn equipment, heaters, etc.

A Few Days Until Moving Day

- Wake up with a smile.
- Make an action plan for moving day.
- Set aside boxes you will be moving yourself.
- Clean rugs and carpets and have them ready.
- Measure doorways and furniture.
- Disassemble furniture if possible.
- Defrost freezer and clean fridge.
- Pack essentials box to keep with you for the move.
- Plan for payment: have your cheque, money order, or credit card ready and in your essentials box so it doesn't get misplaced.
- Prepare specific directions to new home if you hired a moving company.

MOVING DAY!

- Verify! Make sure the moving truck that shows up is from the company you hired. Unfortunately, moving companies hire contractors when they are busy or double book you.
- Place carpet, floor, and door frame protectors throughout home.
- Take inventory before the movers leave. Keep a copy of bill of lading and inventory list with you.
- Personally supervise any hired labour. Some possessions can be priceless!
- Do a walkthrough. Check every room and closet one more time.
- Leave a forwarding address for the new owner for any stray mail.
- Lock windows and doors, turn off lights, turn the air conditioner off, or lower the heat.
- Wave goodbye!

After your Move

- Use your damage list to confirm your furniture wasn't broken in the move unless of course you decided on [residential moving container!](#)
- Confirm that mail is arriving at your new home.
- Make sure previous utilities have been paid for and cancelled.
- Schedule time to update your vehicle registration and driver's licence.
- Keep all documents in your moving binder and keep it in an easy-to-remember place.
- Enjoy your new home!

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