



Moving that feels better

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 recommendations and check online Reviews.
- ☐ Create a moving binder. This will be the home for all your receipts, records, inventory list, and of course a copy of your Moving 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 to reduce the amount you'll need to move.
- ☐ Schedule disconnection of utilities (phone, internet, cable, water, garbage, gas, and electric).
- ☐ If you have kids, inform their school of the move and get copies of 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.)
- ☐ How long will it take you to pack/load for your move? Would the flexibility of a few days or weeks be helpful? Consider the need for storage in between homes.

One Month Until Moving Day

- ☐ Choose your method of moving and confirm timelines and arrangements for your moving company.
- ☐ 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 if necessary.
- ☐ Clean out any safe-deposit boxes.
- ☐ If you hired a full service moving company, contact and re-confirm your arrangements in case of double bookings.
- ☐ Plan your meals for the last two weeks and use up leftover food in the fridge.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Refill 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

- ☐ Make an action plan for moving day.
- ☐ Set aside boxes you will be moving yourself.
- ☐ Clean rugs and carpets.
- ☐ Measure doorways and furniture.
- ☐ Disassemble furniture if possible.
- ☐ Defrost freezer and clean fridge.
- ☐ Pack essentials box to keep with you for the move.
- ☐ Prepare specific directions to new home if you hired a moving company.

MOVING DAY!

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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 if you didn't do the packing and loading yourself.
- ☐ 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 license.
- ☐ Keep all documents in your moving binder and keep it in an easy-to-remember place.
- ☐ Enjoy your new home!