

# MOVING *Checklist*



## 2 MONTHS OUT

- Begin decluttering. Donate or sell items you no longer need.
- Hire a reputable moving company/rental truck.
- Secure a storage unit. (if needed)
- Start collecting moving supplies such as boxes, packing tape, and bubble wrap.
- Begin packing items you don't frequently use.

## 1 MONTH OUT

- Notify important parties of your upcoming move (employer, school, post office).
- Continue packing, labeling boxes by room.
- Arrange for the transfer of medical and school records if applicable.
- Start using up perishable and frozen food items.
- Plan for the disposal of hazardous materials not allowed in the move.
- Update your address with banks, subscriptions, and government agencies.
- Contact current services to cancel/transfer
  - Water    Garbage/Recycling    Electric
  - Gas    Cable/Internet

## NOTES

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## 2 WEEKS OUT

- Confirm moving details with moving company.
- Pack a separate essentials box with items you'll need for moving day.
- Schedule a day off work for moving day if necessary.
- Dispose of flammable items like gasoline or propane.
- Arrange for childcare or pet care on moving day.

## 1-7 DAYS OUT

- Confirm the moving day schedule with your movers.
- Defrost and clean your refrigerator and freezer.
- Disassemble furniture as needed.
- Pack a suitcase with clothing and toiletries for the first few days at your new home.
- Gather and clean outdoor furniture.

## MOVING DAY

- Double check that all items are packed and ready to go.
- Provide clear instructions to your movers and stay accessible for questions.
- Do a final clean.
- Take final walkthrough of your old home to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Lock all doors and windows and leave keys as instructed by your REALTOR®.
- Arrive at your new home ahead of movers to oversee unloading.
- Inspect your items for any damage during transit.

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## AFTER THE MOVE

- Unpack essentials boxes first. (bedding, toiletries, kitchen items).
- Start unpacking room by room, prioritizing commonly used rooms.
- Update your driver's license, vehicle registration, and voter registration with your new address.
- Explore your new neighborhood and locate essential services.
- Take some time to relax and enjoy your new home!



## WHAT TO PACK IN ESSENTIALS BOX?

- Basic toolkit
- Extension cords
- Bucket & rags
- Kitchen basics such as disposable plates, cups and spoons, coffee maker & coffee
- Cleaning products & garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Toilet Paper
- Bedding
- Toiletries (Make Up, Hand soap, Shampoo, etc)

## PACKING & MOVING TIPS

1. Make a list of what's in each box
2. Label all boxes by room or color code so movers know where to put them.
3. Cushion the bottom and sides of the boxes first
4. Pack heavy items in smaller boxes, light items in larger boxes.
5. Packed boxes should not exceed 30 lbs.
6. Fill your washer & dryer with clothes, linens and other light items.
7. Wrap & secure cords to electrical appliances.
8. Tape off all items that can spill like shampoo, cleaners, cooking oils, etc.
9. Use a trash bag to quickly pack hanging clothing.
10. Use rope or elastic to secure furniture doors and drawers instead of tape, which can cause damage.
11. If you have children, include them by letting them help you pack their toys.
12. Have a yard sale or garage sale, and get rid of any unused or unwanted items.
13. Donate items that you don't sell or want to bring to your new home.
14. You can sometimes score boxes for FREE by asking at your local grocery or retail clothing store.

*Happy Moving!*



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