



MOVING GUIDE

Tip, Tricks, and Checklists



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MOVING GUIDE: 60 DAYS BEFORE

PURGE TWICE, PACK ONCE

Getting rid of items you don't need will help when it comes time to pack. Having a yard sale is a great way to make extra cash to use for moving day goodies, then after your sale donate/toss out items you aren't going to need.

SET UP A BUDGET

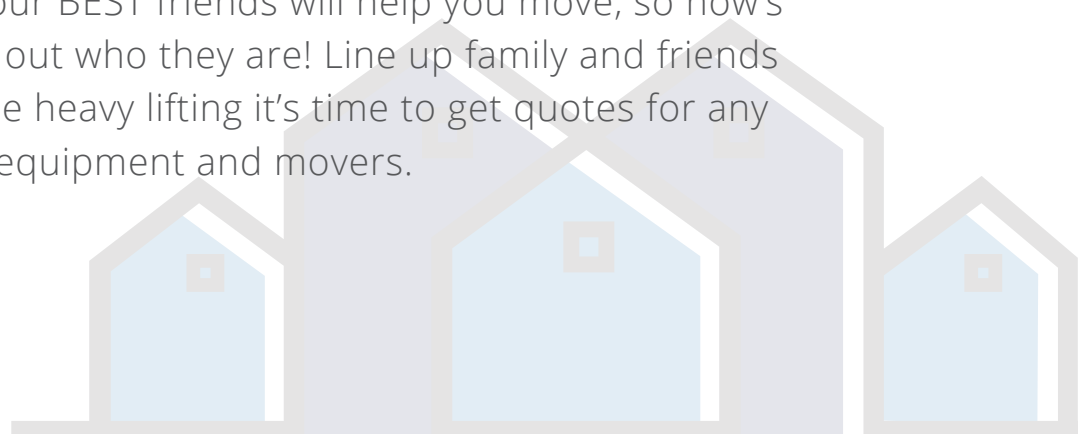
Speaking of extra cash... There are always additional costs when moving, and you don't want to be surprised by them. Remember to budget for moving costs such as movers and rentals, but also cash to have on hand for food, extra medicine for your family or pets, and a storage facility if needed.

FIND YOUR MOVING BUDDY

A binder with info, this moving guide, and other moving-related paperwork in it will become your best friend as you get closer to moving day.

ASK NOW (AND LATER!)

They say only your BEST friends will help you move, so now's the time to find out who they are! Line up family and friends early, and for the heavy lifting it's time to get quotes for any needed trucks, equipment and movers.



MOVING GUIDE: 30 DAYS BEFORE

TRANSFER SERVICES

Time to call your water company, sewage and garbage service, internet, phone and cable companies. Setting transfer appointments now may save costly fees later.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Make sure your mail is going to the right place by submitting a change of address form with the local post office. You'll also want to change your address for Amazon and other delivery services, credit card companies, loans and insurance. Most periodicals are not forwardable so be sure to call all magazine subscriptions, newspapers and catalogs as soon as possible.

COLOR CODING

Labeling boxes is just the beginning. Using bright stickers or markers, color code the rooms in your home so you can see what goes where from across the moving van.

STORAGE TIME

Starting a storage unit a month before moving for large items is a economical and effective way for you to view any of that remaining clutter. A great tip for in-town moves is to rent a storage facility midway between your old and new home so you can deliver boxes there as you pack them - saving space and sweat on moving day!

MOVING GUIDE: 15 DAYS BEFORE

PACK PACK PACK!

Two weeks before is prime packing time. Start with seasonal items now, finish with daily items a few days before the move. Packing only one room a day will save stress.

PLAN FOR THE PETS

Find a friend or professional pet-sitter for moving day, and check with your vet for possible sedatives to keep the pets calm on long trips. Have a portable food and water bowl ready with the same food they're used to to reduce stress.

CONFIRM IT ALL

Call the movers, rental companies, friends and family, storage facility and confirm details with everyone!

IS YOUR CAR READY?

Cross city or cross country, nothing can throw a wrench into moving day quite like car trouble. Visit your mechanic for an oil change and be sure they can check your tires, fluids and any other issues that might curb you on moving day.

MAKE A FIRST NIGHT BOX

Make a box with all the essentials you'll need for your first-night in the new home; toothbrush, fresh clothes, sheets, a towel, phone chargers, paper plates, utensils, etc.

MOVING GUIDE: 3 DAYS BEFORE

DO LAUNDRY

No one wants to do laundry right after a move, it's easier to wash, dry and fold clothes into a box labeled "clean clothes." This can also be used as a backup in case you need a change of clothes during the move.

PACK UP DELICATES

Wait a few days to pack up glassware, trinkets and other valuable items. Consider moving them separately from the rest of your items or storing them in storage until the chaos of moving day is done.

TELL THE NEIGHBORS

Have a discussion about moving day with your neighbors, ask if they have room to allow helpers park without impeding your access to the moving van.

CLEAR A PATH

Make sure nothing is blocking your path from the house to the moving truck. Place carpet/door frame protectors throughout the home to avoid scratching surfaces.

GRAB SOME CASH

Get cash out from the bank to buy food, tip delivery drivers, and buy needed essentials. The longer the trip, the more cash you should have on hand.



MOVING GUIDE: MOVING DAY

DONT START TOO EARLY

Give yourself time to have a balanced breakfast, and give your helpers time to wake up and join you. Have snacks and plenty of water on hand for yourself and the crew. Be sure to break every few hours so you don't get burned out.

THE MOVING VAN

Arrive 15 minutes early or see if online check-in is available for your truck reservation.

CHILDREN AND PETS

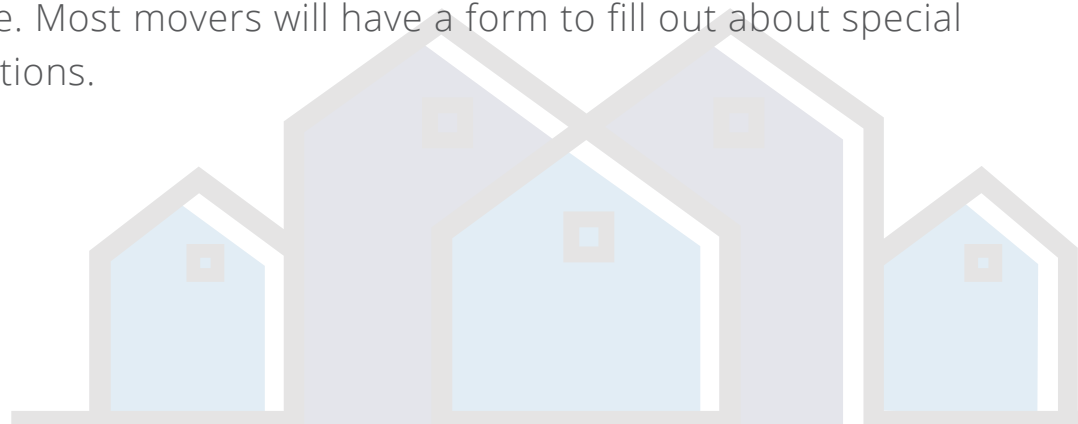
Give them priority during the day and make sure they're able to handle the stress of moving using our checklist and the end of this book.

KEEP RECEIPTS

Save receipts for your moving equipment, moving trucks, movers, etc.

DISCUSS HIGH VALUE ITEMS

Discuss high value items and furniture with trusted friends and movers before the move. Most movers will have a form to fill out about special items or instructions.



ROOM-BY-ROOM CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to mark when you pack your items in your old home, when you unpack them in your new home and any notes regarding condition, warranties, special instructions or purchase needs

LIVING ROOM

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
CARPETING/ RUGS			
SOFAS/COUCHES			
COFFEE/SIDE TABLES			
CHAIRS			
MEDIA CENTER			
SHELVES			
CURTAINS/BLINDS			
LAMPS/LIGHTING			
ART/CLOCKS/DECOR			
MISC.			
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BATHROOM

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
MEDICINES			
CABINET CONTENTS			
ROOM DECOR			
BATH TOWELS			
HAIR DRYER/CURLER			
ELECTRIC SHAVERS			
BATHROOM RUGS			
SHOWER CURTAINS			
TOILETRIES			
MISC			

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KITCHEN

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
SHELVING			
TABLES/BAR			
CHAIRS/BARSTOOLS			
POTS/PANS			
CLOCKS/DECOR			
UTENSILS			
SPICE RACK/SPICES			
PANTRY FOOD			
PLATES/DISHES			
DRAWER CONTENTS			
APPLIANCES			
MISC.			

DINING ROOM

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
RUGS			
TABLES & CHAIRS			
CABINETS			
CURTAINS/BLINDS			
SILVERWARE			
CHINA			
TABLECLOTHS			
ART/DECOR			
FANS/LIGHTING			
MISC			

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BEDROOM 1

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
BED FRAME			
MATTRESS			
LINENS			
NIGHTSTAND			
DRESSER(S)			
JEWELRY/SAFE			
BOOKCASE			
FURNITURE			
LAMPS/LIGHTING			
CLOSET ACCESSORIES			
CLOTHES/SHOES			

BEDROOM 2

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
BED FRAME			
MATTRESS			
LINENS			
NIGHTSTAND			
DRESSER(S)			
JEWELRY/SAFE			
BOOKCASE			
FURNITURE			
LAMPS/LIGHTING			
CLOSET ACCESSORIES			
CLOTHES/SHOES			

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BEDROOM 3

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
BED FRAME			
MATTRESS			
LINENS			
NIGHTSTAND			
DRESSER(S)			
JEWELRY/SAFE			
BOOKCASE			
FURNITURE			
LAMPS/LIGHTING			
CLOSET ACCESSORIES			
CLOTHES/SHOES			

OFFICE & LAUNDRY

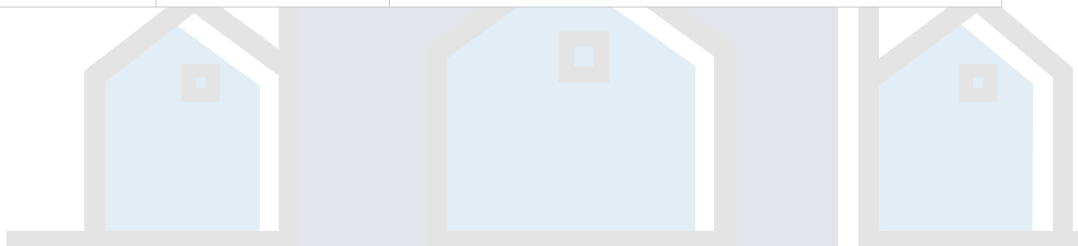
ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
COMPUTER DESK			
PC/ELECTRONICS			
LIGHTING/DECOR			
SAFE/CABINET			
IMPORTANT PAPERS			
HAMPERS			
IRONING BOARD			
STEAMER			
VACUUM CLEANER			
WASHER & DRYER			
ETC.			

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APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

ITEM	OLD HOME	NEW HOME	NOTES
TELEVISION(S)			
COMPUTER/LAPTOP			
PRINTER			
SPEAKERS/STEREO			
DVD/BLU RAY PLAYER			
LANDLINE PHONES			
VIDEOGAMES			
WASHER/DRYER			
FRIDGE & CONTENTS			
STOVE			
MICROWAVE			
DISHWASHER			
SPORTING EQUIP			
TOOLS			
LAWN MOWER			
GRILL/BBQ EQUIP			
STORAGE EQUIP			
LAWN FURNITURE			
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ROOM-BY-ROOM CHECKLIST

MOVING CHECKLIST FOR KIDS

Your children may feel anxious and excited at the thought of a moving adventure. To ensure that they are most comfortable in their new surroundings here are some suggestions:

- Be sure to investigate the local children attractions in your new destination.
- Park district programs may be available for enrollment.
- Research the ages of neighborhood children.
- Assist in getting the kid's rooms set up first, and making them their own first night kit.
- Rent movies to help entertain kids while waiting for cable TV installation.
- Have snacks, drinks, and one of their favorite toys available on moving day.
- Gift your child a special craft item or game to occupy them while busy.
- Consider hiring a babysitter to be responsible for young children on moving day.
- Carry a change of clothes or spare diapers.
- Bring extra medication, sunscreen & baby wipes.

MOVING CHECKLIST FOR PETS

Small dogs and cats can be flown by air transport or carried along in car. There are businesses that specialize in the transportation of larger/exotic pets. Ask your vet or movers for advice. Some other suggestions:

- You must provide airlines with current health certificate from your veterinarian.
- Be sure to have an adequate sized carrier for your pet during the move.
- Be sure to stock up on your pet's medicine and flea treatment before the move.
- Add an article of clothing or favorite toy to carrier to soothe pet.
- If your pet is a nervous type, ask your vet about tranquilizers/sedatives for the trip.
- Have portable food/water bowl and supply of their current food for familiarity.
- For in-town moves, you can consider kenneling your pet during the move.
- Have an older child take responsibility of your pet to keep them busy during moving day.