

Moving checklist

One month before the move

- Notify your landlord.
- Write a budget for the move.
- Pick a moving date
- Make arrangements.
- Inventory your belongings.
- Make plans for items you aren't taking.
- Book any necessary repairs.
- Book end-of-lease cleaning.

Two weeks before the move

- Get rid of anything you're not bringing.
- Arrange to move utilities, internet, phone and cable.
- Change your address.
- Arrange to have mail forwarded.
- Purchase packing materials.
- Begin packing nonessential items.
- Arrange care for pets or young children on moving day.

One week before the move

- Finalize layout of new home and send to movers.
- Make arrangements to collect keys.
- Make arrangements for final inspection of current home.
- Pack bedding and towels for moving day.
- Label cord connections for electronic equipment.
- Continue packing nonessential items.

Two to three days before the move

- Make box of essential supplies, including medicine, first aid supplies and nonperishable food items.
- Donate any unwanted items.
- Purchase cleaning supplies and any last-minute packing supplies.
- Finish packing all items, setting aside those you'll need over the next few days.

The day before the move

- Clean refrigerator and defrost freezer.
- Unhook and drain washing machine, air conditioners and garden hoses.
- Pack toiletries.
- Pack at least two changes of clothes for moving day and the day following.
- Set aside valuable, fragile and sentimental items along with important documents to transport with you.
- Clear a path through the house.

Moving day

- Provide movers with clear instructions on where to place items and furniture at new home.
- Pack valuable, fragile and sentimental items and important documents in your personal vehicle.
- Check all closets, cupboards and other storage areas for forgotten items.
- Stand at entry point to new home to provide clear instructions to movers.
- Assemble all beds.
- Ensure all utilities and services are connected and working.