checklist: MOVING





Begin decluttering by sorting, selling, recycling, donating or disposing of infrequently used items:

- Seasonal items (decor, clothing, dishes) Paperwork and books
- Sports equipment, camping gear
- Toys and board games
- Craft and hobby supplies
- Collectibles and memorabilia

- Photos, keepsakes, ornaments
- Musical instruments, CDs and DVDs
- Building supplies and tools
- Lawn and garden supplies





- If renting, confirm leaving date with current landlord
- Select moving company get quotes. Book hire vehicle if moving yourself
- Confirm storage if needed
- Advise family and friends. Say 'yes' to offers of help, both before and on the day
- Keep list of incoming mail and notify change of address for subscriptions
- Prepare an inventory list of everything to be moved
- Clean out garage and garden shed
- Clean out attic and basement. check lids are tight on liquids
- Check large appliances and furniture will fit in your new home. If selling, advertise
- Donate unwanted items to charity
- Advise schools and daycare of your move
- Take photos of your home before serious packing begins





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- Contact utility companies with final meter reading date
- Notify postal service, cable company and any other regular services of move
- Purchase packing boxes, tape, packaging (U-Haul has a packing box program)
- Clean out closet and drawers. Donate unwanted items
- Begin emptying the freezer and using up frozen food and excess pantry items
- Begin packing more infrequently used items. Use clothing and linen as packing
- Label boxes on the side with contents, and by room, for easy identification
- If moving out of the area, collect dental, medical, school and vet records

do it early - stress less later!





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2 weeks out

- Check off, and address any necessary repairs
- Compile documents for the next owner, including your forwarding address
- Ensure vehicles are serviced if moving a distance. Empty lawnmower of petrol

week out

- Pack all items that are not needed right away
- Pack a bag for each family member with essential clothes, toiletries for first days
- Ensure utilities are on at your new address
- Deep clean fridge, freezer, microwave, stove, oven. Minimize fresh food supplies
- Arrange childcare for moving day. Also arrangements for pets
- Set aside a box of cleaning supplies for use up to moving day
- Confirm booking with moving company, storage, temporary accommodation
- Collect any outstanding items e.g. drycleaning, repairs. Return borrowed items
- Cancel any local services e.g. lawn services, pool maintenance, babysitters
- Dismantle equipment e.g. outdoor furniture, stereo. Back up computer
- Prepare a moving day box e.g. scissors, tape, markers ,snack, drinks, pet food

moving day!

- Check all closets, drawers, dishwasher and cupboards for anything left behind
- Give any specific instructions to movers. Confirm delivery address. Pay movers
- Keep essential items and valuables with you
- Package up any remaining food and supplies for the day
- Remove all trash and finish final clean up
- Take one more final walk-through

you've arrived

Make up beds as a priority. You will not get 100% unpacked, but your bed is ready

Order take-out. You deserve it!

enjoy your new home!