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YOUR **MOVING** TIMELINE



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Months Before Your Move

- Set your moving date
- Plan your moving method (truck rental, hiring movers, etc.) and get cost estimates
- Contact your insurance agent to determine if your possessions are covered when moving
 - Inquire about homeowner's insurance
- Research storage facilities, if necessary
- Schedule disconnection/connection of utilities at old/new home
 - Phone • Internet • Cable • Water • Gas • Electric
- Begin organizing and decide what you'll keep, sell, donate or discard
- Hold a garage/tag sale, donate items to charities (obtain a receipt for tax purposes)
- Schedule transfer of records (medical, school, etc.)
- Acquire packing materials (boxes, bubble wrap, packing tape, markers, etc.)
- Begin packing things you use less frequently, such as off-season clothing and books
- Fill out post office change of address cards for last home
- Send your new address to anyone that might need it (credit card companies, magazine subscriptions, insurance agents, friends, relatives, etc.)

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Weeks Before Your Move

- Finalize moving method and make necessary arrangements
- Prepare all pertinent car registrations, driver's licenses and insurance records for transfer
- Notify state Motor Vehicle Bureau of your new address
- Begin packing non-essential items
- Label boxes by room and content
- Separate valuable items to transport yourself – label as DO NOT MOVE
- Keep a box out for storing essentials you will want access to on moving day – label PARTS/DO NOT MOVE
- Create an inventory list of items and box contents, record serial numbers of major items
- Cancel automated payment plans and local accounts/memberships, if necessary

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Weeks Before Your Move

- Continue packing and cleaning – leaving only essential items for the last weeks
- Pack a suitcase with items you'll need immediately after moving (clothing, toiletries, etc.)
- Dispose of all items too dangerous to move, including flammable liquids
- Confirm travel plans and moving method details
- Make sure prescriptions are filled
- Schedule cancellation of services for your old home and set up for new home
 - Newspaper • House Cleaners • Lawn • Pool • Water Delivery • Garbage
- Check your furniture for damage – make a note on your inventory list or take pictures
- Make sure all paperwork for both homes is complete

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Days Before Your Move

- Pack a “First Day” box with necessities like chargers, snacks and basic kitchen items
- Re-confirm all moving details
- Make a schedule/action plan for the day of the move
- Prepare for the moving expenses (food, lodging, tips, etc.)
- Continue cleaning as you are packing
- Clean the refrigerator
- Make sure essential tools are handy (screwdriver, wrench, pliers, tape, etc.)
- Pack a bag for water bottles, snacks, pen/paper, documents and travel essentials

Moving Day

- Supervise moving process to ensure everything is handled with care
- Walk through the empty house to check for things left behind
- Leave your contact information for new residents to forward mail
- Lock up windows and doors, turn off lights

As you settle into your new home and neighborhood,
I'm here to support you *every step of the way.*



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