ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST

Don't forget the cat

T-Minus 2 Months: Operation Declutter & Plan

Alright, soldier, time to face the music (and the mountain of belongings you've accumulated).

- **Declutter Like a Boss:** Seriously, get rid of anything you haven't used in the last year. Donate, sell, or toss it. Future you will thank you (especially when unpacking).
- Research Movers (or beg friends with trucks): Get quotes, read reviews, and book your moving company like Apex Movers LLC. Or, if you're brave (and have strong friendships), bribe your pals with pizza and eternal gratitude.
- **Start Gathering Supplies:** Boxes, tape, bubble wrap, markers... the essentials for surviving the packing apocalypse. If you hired movers for packing, ask for their price list.
- Create a Master Inventory List: This will be your bible. Label boxes clearly with their contents and the room they belong to. Don't skip this, trust us.
- Research your new area: Scope out grocery stores, gyms, and the best pizza places. Essential recon.

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T-Minus 1 Month: Getting Serious (Like, Really Serious)

Things are about to get real. Time to channel your inner packing ninja.

- Start Packing (Non-Essentials): Off-season clothes, books, decorative items... get 'em boxed up and out of the way. Remember that master inventory list!
- **Notify Important People (and Institutions):** Bank, post office, subscriptions, utilities... let them know you're moving to avoid any unwelcome surprises.
- Change Your Address: Don't forget the IRS and DMV! You don't want your tax refund or driver's license ending up in the wrong hands.

- Arrange for Childcare/Pet Care (Moving Day): Trust us, you don't want to be wrangling kids or
 pets while trying to move furniture. Treat yourself to a stress-free day with happy, well-cared-for
 family members.
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T-Minus 3 Weeks: The Nitty-Gritty

- Confirm Moving Arrangements: Double-check the date, time, and details with your moving company (or friends).
- Pack a 'Essentials' Box: Toiletries, medications, a change of clothes, phone chargers...
 everything you'll need for the first few days in your new place.
- **Disassemble Furniture (if necessary):** Take photos as you disassemble so you remember how to put it back together. (Pro tip: Label all hardware in plastic bags).

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T-Minus 2 Weeks: The Final Push

- **Defrost the Freezer:** Unless you want a soggy surprise when you arrive at your new place.
- Clean Out the Fridge: Use up or toss any remaining food. No one wants to move a science experiment.
- Confirm Utilities Setup at New Place: Make sure your electricity, water, gas, and internet are scheduled to be turned on.

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T-Minus 1 Week: Almost There!

- Finish Packing (Everything Else): The end is in sight! Box up those last few items and label them clearly.
- **Confirm Travel Arrangements:** If you're driving, plan your route and make sure your car is in good working order. If you're flying, confirm your flights and pack your carry-on bag.
- Pack a 'First Night' Box: Bedding, towels, toiletries, and anything else you'll need for a comfortable first night in your new home. Don't forget snacks!

T-Minus 2 Days: Last-Minute Scramble

• **Double-Check Everything:** Make sure you haven't forgotten anything important.



- Pack a Cooler with Drinks and Snacks: Moving is hard work. Stay hydrated and keep your energy levels up.
- **Get Cash (optional):** For tipping the movers (or bribing your friends with pizza Movers like pizza too!).

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Moving Day: The Big Kahuna

- Supervise the Movers (or your friends): Make sure they're handling your belongings with care and putting boxes in the correct rooms.
- **Do a Final Walk-Through:** Check every room, closet, and cabinet to make sure you haven't left anything behind.
- Hand over the Keys (and say goodbye to your old place): It's time to start a new chapter!

T-Plus 3 Days: Settling In (and Recovering)

- Unpack Essentials: Focus on setting up your bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen first.
- Locate Important Documents: Make sure you know where your driver's license, passport, insurance information, and other important documents are.
- Order Takeout (you deserve it!): Cooking can wait.

T-Plus 1 Week: Getting Comfortable

- Finish Unpacking (or at least make a dent): Don't let those boxes linger for months!
- Explore Your New Neighborhood: Check out the local parks, restaurants, and shops.
- Meet Your Neighbors: Introduce yourself and make some new friends.
- **Update Your Voter Registration:** Make sure your voice is heard in your new community.

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Congratulations! You survived the move!

You did it! Take a deep breath and enjoy your new home. Now, where did I put the remote...?

