
BUYER'S
Guide
To Real Estate



Moving Guide Checklist



MOVING CHECKLIST

One Month Prior

- File “Change of Address” forms with the postal service
- Make arrangements to move your personal belongings and furniture, either by phoning a moving company or arranging for a rental truck.
- Gather boxes and other moving supplies that you might need.
- Plan your travel route to your new home. Be mindful of any bridges or overpasses that might have a clearance restriction.
- Create a folder to keep moving expense receipts, as some of these are tax deductible. Lodging, meals, and fuel are some of the items you can claim on your taxes.
- Develop a plan for packing – packing the things you will use most, pack last, then ensuring those items that you will need first when you arrive at your new home will be available.
- Notify family, friends, and businesses of your move.
- Notify federal and state tax authorities, as well as any other government agencies.



MOVING CHECKLIST

Two Weeks Prior

- Notify services like gas, electric, water, cable TV, phone, and internet of your move.
- Arrange for services at your new address
- Have your car serviced if your new home is some distance away.
- Recruit people to help you on moving day.
- Have a detailed plan for keeping pets safe at all times once the movers arrive. This can be a very stressful time for them as well, with strangers in the house, loud noises, a lot of activity, and doors being open for periods of long time.
- Arrange for babysitters of any small children
- Confirm your moving company or rental truck arrangements.
- Notify your bank if you are leaving the city.



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One Day Prior

- Keep moving materials separate so they don't accidentally get packed until you are done.
- Put your phone chargers in a safe place to keep handy.
- Pick up a rental truck if you are moving yourself.
- Fill up your car with gas, and double check your oil and tire pressure.
- Get a good sleep!

On Moving Day

- Have the proper moving supplies handy, such as undamaged boxes to finish packing, blankets for TV's, mirrors, and pictures, and tie-down straps to prevent large items from shifting during the drive.
- Do a final walk-through to make sure you have everything!
- Pack the "Essentials" box. This will be the box you open first at your new home, and will have phone chargers, personal hygiene items, pet food, snacks, bottled water etc. Everything you will need to keep handy as you move into your new place.
- Do a walk-through of your new home and take pictures, checking for any damage that wasn't there when you purchased.



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After the Move

- Make sure that any mail that arrives with a yellow sticker (this indicates it was forwarded) is contacted and given your new address.
- Register to vote in your new area.
- Get the address on your driver's license changed to your current address. If you have moved to a different state, you will need to apply for a new one.
- Contact auto insurance to have the policy changed to your new address.
- Find out when the garbage is picked up at your new home, and what recycling programs are available.
- Select a new doctor, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, etc. and have your medical files transferred.
- Locate new service providers such as banks, pharmacies, plumbers, HVAC contractors etc.
- Make a list of the new emergency numbers to have handy in your new home.

TIPS FOR HELPING CHILDREN WITH A MOVE

Kids require extra attention and care when planning to buy or sell a home. Making a little extra effort to include them in the buying and selling process helps them adjust more quickly to the move.

- Show the children the new home prior to moving. If this isn't possible, pictures or videos will help them visualize where they are going.
- Assure children that you won't forget their friends.
- Make a scrapbook of the old home and neighborhood.
- Throw a good-bye party. At the party, have their friends sign a t-shirt.
- Have your children write goodbye letters to their friends and enclose their new address. You may wish to call the other children's parents so they will encourage return letters.
- When packing, give them their own box. They can decorate it so they will know which one is theirs after the move.
- If you are moving far away, buy postcards when you stop so they can remember the trip.
- When unpacking, allow them to unpack their treasures then, and have them play with the boxes while you unpack.
- Start a scrapbook for their new home, including a diary of My First...
- Visit their new school, park, church, etc. Take a camera to snap pictures for the scrapbook.
- Help your children invite new friends over to the house.
- Let them choose a new favorite restaurant. This will help them feel in control of their new world.
- Encourage them to send letters about their new home to their friends.
- Involve your children in groups, sports, and activities like the ones they used to participate in.
- Remember that even if you only lived in your former home a few years, to a young child it is nearly their entire life!



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