

# Checklist for Moving

Moving can bring on a lot of excitement, anticipation and stress. With a month or so to go before the big moving day, you may be feeling like you'll never get it all done, and that's why you need a list. By following a basic checklist, you can tackle these tasks which will allow you to be more flexible later to deal with unexpected matters that might pop up closer to the move.



## Remember!

Pack a little every day. You don't want to find yourself packing all of your belongings the night before.

Taking care of things ahead of time will save time and help keep the stress of moving to a minimum.



## 4-6 weeks out

- **Sort and donate/throw/sell things you don't need.**
  - Start with all storage areas—sort through closets, attics, basements, garages.
- **Cancel or Transfer Services:**
  - Some service providers may require at least one month's notice to cancel or transfer services.
  - Remember, as a buyer moving into a new home, you are responsible for getting the utilities set up under your name.
  - Schedule utilities to turn *off* one day after you move out of your current home. Schedule utilities to turn *on* one day before you move into your new home  
*Utilities to transfer or cancel:*
    - Electricity
    - City Water / Sewer
    - Gas
    - Garbage
    - Phone
    - Television / Cable
  - Notify any maintenance services for things like house cleaning, lawn mowing, and pool maintenance.
- **Change Your Address**
  - Make sure you do this as soon as you can to ensure no gap in services or you don't miss a very important piece of mail.
  - Don't forget to let your bank, credit card companies, and local, state and federal government agencies know that you're moving, in particular, the IRS.

## 3-4 weeks out

- **Choose a moving service or line up a rental moving vehicle.**
- **Get your packing supplies and evaluate how to pack**
- **Begin Packing**
  - It's important that you start packing early even though you still need to be able to live and function in your home over the next three or so weeks.
- **Don't forget outdoor things!**
  - Pack (or at Least Assess) the outdoor and stored stuff and start packing the garage up.
- **Finalize Travel Arrangements**
  - Make or confirm all of your travel plans, such as booking flights and hotels or making calls to family members you might need to stay with at your destination or along the way.

## 0-2 weeks out

- **Pack your personal belongings**
  - Create an inventory sheet of all your valuables before they go on the moving truck.
  - Take photos of electronics before unplugging them. This will help when reconnecting in your new home.
- **Address minor home repairs & Clean**
  - It's common practice and courtesy to have your home clean and ready to go for your buyers prior to the walk-through.
  - Patch any nail holes and touch up paint.
- **Check Personal Property**
  - Check your Purchase Agreement to make sure you are not taking something the buyer and you have agreed to leaving such as a washer and dryer, a water softener, etc.
  - Anything that is attached to the property must remain including all TV Mounts, drapery rods and attached light fixtures.

