

Houston Relocation Checklist

A Practical Plan for Your Move and Settling In with Confidence

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Before you arrive (2-6 weeks)

- Choose your target areas (commute + school + lifestyle).
- Get pre-approved and set a realistic monthly budget.
- Decide: rent first or buy first (timing, competition, risk).
- Create a "must-have / nice-to-have / dealbreaker" list.

30 days out

- Schedule utilities (power, water, internet) and set move-in dates.
- Book movers (or pods) and request COI if your building requires it.
- Collect key documents: IDs, lease/contract, insurance, school records.
- Plan your Houston-specific: flood risk check, HOA rules, commute test.

First 7 days in Houston

- Change address + update driver license/registration.
- Confirm trash/recycling days and community rules.
- Do a safety + comfort sweep: locks, smoke detectors, filters, AC.
- Explore essentials: grocery, pharmacy, urgent care, parks.

Smart neighborhood match

- Kingwood: greenbelts + trails, suburban calm.
- The Heights: walkable, character homes, restaurants.
- West U: central, strong demand, premium pricing.
- I'll help you compare tradeoffs and avoid surprises.

What to ask your agent (relocation)

- What's the real commute at my work hours?
- Any flood history, drainage concerns, or insurance flags?
- How competitive is this pocket right now—what wins offers?
- What are the hidden costs (HOA, MUD, taxes, maintenance)?

Next step

- Book a 20-minute relocation call: tallyhotexas.com
- Tell me: your timeline, budget range, must-haves, and work location.
- I'll send a short plan + neighborhoods shortlist tailored to you.