

THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST

The Right Tool for Planning a Hassle-free Move

Everyone wants to make the house moving a good experience. By getting ready to move in an organized way, you can accomplish transform your move into the best ever experience of your life.

To make your upcoming house moving less stressful or completely hassle-free, you need to pack your household possessions including personal and sentimental items carefully. You need to know what items you should take and what items you should leave behind. You need to know what items you must get rid of. Figuring out what things you need to do before your moving day can be an overwhelming experience. To make it easier, we have created this ultimate moving checklist for you. This checklist will help you confirm nothing gets left behind.

By using this checklist, you can organize all the different nitty-gritty of your move by week for a successful and hassle-free move.

6 weeks before the move

- Gather information and research on packers and movers
- Take time to verify the credentials of shortlisted packers and movers.
- Ask the right questions to movers to validate them.
- Collect moving estimates from multiple companies to compare and save money on choosing the best aid.

5 weeks before the move

- Explore your house thoroughly to have an overall idea about what items you have to shift
- Decide what items you want to keep and what items you want to discard or donate to charity.
- Hold a garage sale to sell your surplus items, old belongings or other items you don't want to shift.
- Learn how to declutter the house, how to get rid of junks and unwanted items.
- Make a fresh list of items that need to be packed and transported.

4 weeks before the move

- Make a decision on what items you want to pack and what items you want movers will pack if you are using one. If you are packing up belongings then your movers can also provide you packing materials at cheaper rates.
- Gather plenty of packing supplies and moving boxes well in advance.
- Overestimate the quantity of packing supplies you will need – you always need more than you think you do.
- Contact your doctors and dentists to collect medical records and prescriptions.
- Ask your doctors or dentists for recommendations. They may recommend a colleague in your new city.
- Visit the school of your children and arrange the transfer of school records.
- Transfer or updated personal insurance records earlier as it may need time to be updated.

3 weeks before the move

- Start consuming most food and perishable items by the day of moving.
- Make major home appliances like washing machines and refrigerator serviced before the move.
- Use or give away hazardous and inflammable things before moving. Movers won't move them.
- Empty any propane tank you want to transport.
- Make address changes and update new address in the important organization.
- Give notice for termination of newspaper or magazine subscription.
- If you packing up your belongings yourself then ask your friends or relatives for help early.
- Determine how much help you may need to handle bulky items like furniture and appliances.
- Make proper arrangements for pet animals, if you have any.

2 weeks before the move

- Make travel arrangements for you and your family members. Book the bus/train tickets early to avoid last-minute hassles.
- Terminate or transfer all accounts from important organizations.
- Return anything you have borrowed from others, and collect anything you have given to others.
- Arrange to discontinue utilities such as gas supply, cable connection, internet connection, and electricity.
- Make sure to dispose of flammable items and hazardous things such as chemicals, cleaning supplies, fireworks, matches, caustic soda, acids, etc.
- Arrange connection of utilities such as gas, electricity, internet, telephone, and cable at your new home.
- Create a floor plan of your new house to know the best placement of furniture.

One week before the move

- Transfer bank accounts to your new city.
- Update addresses in credit card issuers.
- Updated address in post-paid mobile service.
- Reconfirm travel reservations.
- Get prepared with the right amount as your moving budget.
- Start packing suitcases. Ask your family members to pack their suitcases.
- Get the name, address and phone number of moving company's driver and crew head.
- Being packing bulky items and preparing appliances for moving.
- Defrost refrigerator, clean it and make it ready for the move.
- Dismantle furniture, if possible.
- Leave items in place that will be packed by your packers and movers.
- Prepare an essential moving box with items that you will be needing on a few days after the move.
- Prepare an "Open Me First Box" with items that you will need immediately after your move.
- Label every box with the appropriate tag. This will be a great aid for you and your movers too.
- Keep small valuables, jewelry, and important documents in a bag safely and carry with you only on moving day.
- Notify your friends and relatives about your move; and new address.

On moving day

- Make a final inspection of your home and make sure nothing is left behind.
- Confirm everything is packed and labelled properly.
- If you are using a company of packers and movers then be on hand on moving day. You need to sign the inventory and confirm the new address and delivery date.
- Arrange a representative that will direct moving crew at your new home, if possible.
- Check with the list and make sure everything is fine.