

Comprehensive Moving Checklist

Moving can be overwhelming with so many tasks to manage. Our Comprehensive Moving Checklist is designed to keep you organized and ensure you don't miss any important steps from the beginning of your move until you're settled in your new home. Follow this guide to make your move as smooth and stress-free as possible.

8 Weeks Before Moving

- **Create a Moving Folder**
 - Organize all moving-related documents, receipts, and checklists.
 - Use it to keep track of important dates, contracts, and contact information.
- **Set a Moving Budget**
 - Estimate the costs of moving, including packing supplies, movers, and travel expenses.
 - Include a buffer for unexpected costs.
- **Research Moving Companies**
 - Get at least three quotes from reputable moving companies.
 - Check reviews and credentials before making a decision.
 - Book your movers early, especially if moving during peak season.
- **Declutter and Downsize**
 - Go through each room and decide what to keep, donate, sell, or discard.
 - Organize a garage sale or list items online to sell.
 - Donate items to charity or arrange for a pickup.
- **Start Packing Non-Essential Items**
 - Begin with items you use less frequently, like seasonal decor, books, and off-season clothing.
 - Label boxes with the room they belong to and a brief description of contents.

6 Weeks Before Moving

- **Notify Important Parties**
 - Update your address with the post office, banks, insurance companies, and utilities.
 - Notify employers, schools, and subscription services of your move.
 - Arrange for mail forwarding.
- **Gather Packing Supplies**
 - Stock up on boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and markers.
 - Consider specialty boxes for fragile items, wardrobes, and electronics.
- **Create an Inventory List**
 - Document all items being moved, including their condition.
 - Take photos of valuable items for insurance purposes.
- **Plan Travel and Lodging**

- If your move requires long-distance travel, book accommodations and plan your route.
- Arrange for pet care or lodging if necessary.

4 Weeks Before Moving

- **Confirm Moving Details**
 - Reconfirm your moving date and details with the moving company.
 - Verify insurance coverage for your belongings during the move.
- **Pack Important Documents**
 - Keep important documents like passports, medical records, and financial information in a secure, accessible place.
 - Carry these documents with you during the move.
- **Begin Packing Room by Room**
 - Start packing one room at a time to stay organized.
 - Clearly label each box with its contents and the destination room.
 - Separate valuables and fragile items for special handling.
- **Notify Service Providers**
 - Arrange for disconnection and reconnection of utilities, including electricity, gas, water, internet, and cable.
 - Schedule services like lawn care or cleaning for your new home.
- **Plan for Moving Day Essentials**
 - Pack an essentials box with items you'll need immediately after the move (e.g., toiletries, snacks, chargers, and a change of clothes).
 - Include cleaning supplies, tools, and basic kitchen items.

2 Weeks Before Moving

- **Finalize Packing**
 - Finish packing all non-essential items.
 - Label any remaining boxes and ensure fragile items are well-protected.
- **Transfer or Cancel Subscriptions**
 - Cancel or transfer gym memberships, magazines, and other subscriptions.
 - Return library books or rented items.
- **Arrange for Child and Pet Care**
 - Confirm arrangements for child and pet care on moving day.
 - Pack a bag with essentials for your children and pets.
- **Clean and Repair**
 - Clean your current home or arrange for a cleaning service.
 - Make any necessary repairs or touch-ups required by your lease or sale agreement.
- **Confirm New Home Arrangements**
 - Verify move-in details with your new landlord or real estate agent.
 - Ensure utilities will be connected and ready upon your arrival.

1 Week Before Moving

- **Pack Suitcases**
 - Pack suitcases with clothes, toiletries, and daily essentials for each family member.
 - Include any medications or special items needed during the move.
- **Defrost the Refrigerator**
 - Empty and clean your refrigerator and freezer.
 - Allow them to defrost at least 24 hours before moving.
- **Prepare Your Home for the Movers**
 - Ensure walkways are clear for the movers.
 - Disassemble large furniture if not done by movers.
 - Remove any fixtures or items you plan to take with you.
- **Plan Payment and Tipping**
 - Prepare payment and tip for your movers.
 - Keep cash or checks on hand for the moving day.

Moving Day

- **Do a Final Walk-Through**
 - Check all rooms, closets, and cabinets to ensure nothing is left behind.
 - Turn off lights, close windows, and lock doors.
- **Supervise the Move**
 - Be available to direct movers and answer any questions.
 - Keep an inventory checklist to ensure all items are loaded.
- **Stay Calm and Organized**
 - Keep important documents and essentials with you.
 - Double-check that the movers have the correct new address.

Arrival at Your New Home

- **Inspect the New Home**
 - Walk through your new home to ensure it's clean and in the agreed condition.
 - Take photos of any damage or issues for your records.
- **Direct the Movers**
 - Guide the movers to place boxes in the correct rooms.
 - Use your labeled boxes to make unpacking easier.
- **Unpack Essentials First**
 - Start by unpacking the essentials box and setting up bedrooms and bathrooms.
 - Gradually unpack room by room, starting with the most important areas.
- **Settle In**
 - Begin to organize your new home and get familiar with the neighborhood.
 - Update your address for any remaining services or subscriptions.
- **Check Utilities and Services**

- Ensure all utilities are functioning properly.
- Schedule any necessary service visits for cable, internet, or home security.
- **Enjoy Your New Home**
 - Take time to relax and enjoy your new space.
 - Explore your new neighborhood and meet your neighbors.

By following this checklist, you can keep your move organized and stress-free from start to finish. [Contact Packing Bees](#) for a stress-free move!