

House Moving Checklist

MOVE DATE

4 TO 6 WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ☐ Decide if you are using a removal company or moving yourself
- ☐ Gather documents and records
- ☐ Downsize and declutter your home
- ☐ Plan for your move
- ☐ Check on appliances, decide which appliances to be moved
- ☐ Don't forget to start cleaning and organising the garage and shed

3 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ☐ Complete your change of address checklist
- ☐ Continue downsizing and sorting through your belongings
- ☐ Buy and organise moving supplies
- ☐ Schedule utility disconnection

2 WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ☐ Schedule a professional cleaning for your old and new home
- ☐ Create a "handyman" kit to make sure you have easy access to tools in your new location
- ☐ Prepare a moving survival kit so you have easy access to essentials during your first couple of days in your new home
- ☐ Discontinue local subscriptions and services, return any library books, etc.
- ☐ Notify neighbours and police if your home will be vacant after the move
- ☐ Pack up seasonal or infrequently used items
- ☐ Label boxes with what AND where
- ☐ Get appraisals for high value items such as jewellery or antiques to confirm their value

1 WEEK BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ☐ Disassemble bulky items and furniture
- ☐ Prepare plants for moving
- ☐ Re-confirm all moving details
- ☐ Clean and prep appliances such as microwaves, ovens, the fridge, etc.
- ☐ Complete final tasks such as getting rid of rubbish

1 DAY BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ☐ Make sure you have all remotes packed, cables organised, and equipment prepped (routers, scanners, printers, TV)
- ☐ When unplugging, disassembling, or packing electronics, take pictures before and after and pack the manuals with them for easy reassembly
- ☐ Vacuum and complete last minute cleaning
- ☐ Pack your personal luggage, valuables, survival kit, and handyman kit and have them ready to go
- ☐ Check your car tyres
- ☐ Collect extra keys for gates, the garage, etc.
- ☐ Disassemble any furniture or bulky items that you haven't prepared yet
- ☐ Pack each family member's overnight bag
- ☐ Charge your mobile phone and keep it handy
- ☐ Take photos of your home and yard for memories (this can be easy to forget amidst the hustle and bustle of moving but you'll be so glad you did!)
- ☐ Make sure you have the keys for your new residence
- ☐ Decide which boxes to load first and last according to how quickly you need to access items, their value, etc.
- ☐ Prep a convenient breakfast of grab and go items. Choose options that require no cooking or dishes for the day of the move (good options include granola bars, trail mix, boiled eggs, string cheese, etc.)

THE DAY OF YOUR MOVE

- ☐ Gather items you are moving yourself, such as your survival kit, handyman kit, valuables, jewellery, snacks, and legal documents
- ☐ Pack any fridge or freezer food (make sure to use a cooler with ice packs)
- ☐ Meet the removalists and let them know you are happy to answer any questions throughout the process
- ☐ Make sure to keep some cash handy for last-minute expenses during the moving process
- ☐ Leave old keys with the real estate agent, new residents, or landlord
- ☐ If your home will be vacant after the move until a new tenant or owner moves in, notify neighbours and police
- ☐ Make sure your removalist knows the new location and any parking restrictions
- ☐ Take final meter readings and notify utility providers
- ☐ As boxes are loaded in moving vehicles, check them off your inventory list
- ☐ Do a last minute sweep, checking the garage, closets, sheds, tops of cabinets and the fridge, etc.
- ☐ Make sure to remove the garage door opener from your car
- ☐ Lock all doors and windows on your way out
- ☐ Turn off the hot water system if required

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