

A Checklist that will Help You Prepare for an Upcoming Move:

Eight weeks before move

- Research professional movers and schedule the strongest candidates to meet at your home to survey the belongings you're moving.
- Get a binding estimate from movers while they're at your home. If you're thinking of having movers do your packing as well, get a quote for this work too.
- Book your mover and move date as early as possible (and get a written confirmation).
- If you're enlisting friends to help you move instead, research truck rental companies and rates.
- Start a folder for all your move related documentation, contact numbers, receipts, etc.
- Begin cleaning out closets, the attic, the basement, etc. and separate items you want to get rid of before the move.
- Compile a list of anyone who will need to be notified of your move (i.e. creditors, professional contacts, subscriptions, etc.).
- Book a storage unit if required.
- Get boxes and moving supplies.



Six weeks before move

- Save your moving related receipts as you may be able to deduct some expenses from your taxes.
- Arrange to transfer medical records and children's school records to your new location.
- Start packing! Label boxes with the destination room in your new home.
- Separate valuable items and legal documents that you want to transport yourself.
- For items you don't want: have a yard sale, donate to charity or bring to the landfill.
- Dispose of any household chemicals properly.
- Submit a change of address to your post office and arrange to have your mail forwarded.
- Contact utility, phone, cable, gas, water, electric, banks, newspapers, etc. for service disconnect/connect at your existing and new homes.
- Ask your real estate agent or moving company if you have any questions on preparing for a smooth, stress-free move.



Two weeks before move

- Call the movers to confirm your reservation details and contact numbers.
- If renting a moving truck, confirm the pickup date and time.
- Arrange for any child and pet care needed on moving day.
- Book other services you may need before moving, such as house cleaning, plumbing, carpentry, yard work, etc.

Three days before move

- Clean your stove, defrost your refrigerator and freezer, and do a final house cleaning.
- Make arrangements to pay your mover (it's always good to have some cash on hand).
- Finish last minute packing.



One day before move

- Do a final walk around your existing property, inside and out, to make sure everything is packed and ready to go.
- Pack a separate bag for easy access to essentials such as a toothbrush, soap, pajamas, towel, medications, change of clothes, etc.

Moving Day

- Take final meter readings for gas, water, electric, etc. at your existing home (take a photo to document readings).
- Confirm that all utilities, including phone, cable, internet, will be disconnected effective today.
- Be at the new house when the movers arrive.
- Make note of any damage that may have been caused by the movers and let them know.
- Take meter readings at the new property and document them.

