

START PLANNING 8 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Early preparation can make all the difference for a successful move - including acquiring your moving supplies, contacting your utilities and getting organized.

T-8
WEEKS

- Create a binder for moving records (estimates, receipts, inventory lists, etc.)
- Begin to plan your moving services (truck rental, movers, moving storage, etc.)
- Schedule disconnection/connection of utilities at old and new places:
 - Phone Electric Internet Trash Removal
 - Water Gas Cable
- Plan how you will move vehicles, plants, pets and valuables
- Sketch the floor plan for how you will arrange furniture in the new place
- If your house hasn't sold yet, begin to depersonalize your home for showings
- Schedule transfer of records (medical, children in school, etc.)
- Get copies of any records needed (medical, dental, etc.)
- Acquire packing materials:
 - Box Labels Furniture Covers Bubble Wrap
 - Packing Tape Mattress Covers Markers
 - Packing Paper Packing Peanuts Straps/Rope
- Make any home repairs that you have committed to making
- Return borrowed, checked-out and rented items
- Get things back you have lent out
- Start using up food you have stored so there is less to move

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START PLANNING 6 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Now the hard work begins, so pace yourself by filling out change-of-address forms, determining moving storage needs, and beginning your home inventory list.

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WEEKS

- Finalize moving method and make necessary arrangements
- Make a quick checklist of large furniture:
 - Refrigerator/Freezer Armoire Piano/Organ
 - Washer/Dryer Dresser Other
 - Other Appliances Other Furniture
- Determine the size of storage space you will need using the *Moving Storage Size Guide*
- Begin to pack non-essential items and move them to storage
- Label boxes by room and contents
- Separate valuable items to transport yourself
- Prepare a box labeled ESSENTIALS for essentials tools you will need on moving day
- Use the *Home Inventory Worksheet* to create an inventory of items and box contents, including serial numbers of larger items, associated box numbers and storage location:
example: left side - back
- Fill out a Change of Address form with your local post office or online at usps.com
- Provide important contacts with your new address:
 - Friends/Family School(s) Other
 - Employer(s) Family Doctor
- Notify your insurance and credit card companies about change of address
- Cancel automated payment plans and local accounts/memberships, if necessary

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READY, SET, MOVE! 2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR MOVE

Moving day is fast approaching, make sure you have planned: child and pet moving arrangements, cancelation of services & disposal of household hazards.

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WEEKS

- Continue packing, cleaning and moving things to storage
- Pack items such as bedding separately that you will need right away after moving
- Begin to pack your suitcases with clothes and personal items for the new home
- Reconfirm your method of moving with those involved
- Make sure all paperwork for the old and new place is complete
- If traveling far, notify credit card companies to prevent automated deactivation
- Coordinate child and pet care for moving day
- Plan to take the entire day off work for moving
- Schedule cancelation of services for your old place:
 - Newspaper
 - Lawn Care
 - Pool Maintenance
 - Heating and A/C
 - Housecleaning
 - Oil/Propane Service
- Use up perishable food
- Dispose of flammables such as paint

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THE WEEK OF YOUR MOVE

Only one week left - time to confirm movers, disassemble furniture, finish packing and prepare for moving day!

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WEEK

- Check your furniture for damages - note damages on your Home Inventory Worksheet
- Disassemble furniture, put hardware in a small bag and attach to the furniture
- Confirm all moving and storage details and that you have the necessary paperwork
- Make a schedule or action plan for the day of the move
- Write down directions (+ phone numbers) for the movers/helpers to storage and your new home
- Gather important tools (screwdrivers, pliers, tape, etc.) and put them in your ESSENTIALS box
- Pack a bag for water bottles, pen/paper, snacks, documents and other essentials
- Set aside boxes/items that you are moving yourself (make sure you'll have room)
- Plan when/how to pick up the truck (if rented)
- Prepare for extra moving expenses (food, lodging)
- Defrost the freezer, clean the fridge
- Continue cleaning the house

GET READY FOR LIFT OFF! MOVING DAY!

Last minute moving tasks, including what to expect on moving day.

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DAYS

- Remove bedding and take apart beds
- Go early to pick up the truck (if you rented one)
- Take movers/helpers through the house to inform them of what to do
- Walk through the empty place to check for things left behind - look behind doors and on shelves in closets
- Make sure movers have the correct directions and address for the storage facility
- Leave your contact info for new residents to forward mail
- Take inventory before movers leave, signing bill of lading
- Lock the windows and doors, turn off the lights
- Use a padlock to lock your rented truck

AT YOUR NEW HOME...

- Verify utilities are working - especially new power, water, heating and cooling
- Perform an initial inspection, note all damages, take photos if needed
- Clean the kitchen and vacuum as needed (especially where furniture will be going)
- Direct movers/helpers where to put things
- Offer drinks and snacks, especially if the helpers are volunteers
- Assemble beds with bedding
- Begin unpacking, starting with kitchen, bathroom and other essentials

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GET SETTLED THE DAYS FOLLOWING YOUR MOVE

Now is the time to settle into your new home and to update and confirm your services and utilities.

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DONE!

- Check for damages while unpacking - be aware of deadline for insurance claims
- Replace locks if necessary and make at least 2 copies of your new keys
- Confirm that mail is now arriving at your new address
- Make sure your previous utilities have been paid for and canceled
- Complete your change of address checklist:
 - Banks
 - Insurance
 - Newspaper
 - Licenses
 - Credit Cards
 - Doctors
 - Magazines
 - Memberships
- For out-of-state moves, schedule an appointment to get a local driving license and update vehicle registration
- Get local phonebooks, maps and take-out menus
- Find new doctors, dentists, etc. (depending on your needs and insurance)
- Update your Home Inventory Worksheet and include photos of all rooms
- Update your renters insurance or homeowners insurance if needed
- RELAX! and enjoy your new home!

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