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MOVING TIPS CHECKLIST

MOVING SCHEDULE

5 Weeks Out
- Notify landlord of intentions to move.
- Research moving companies and compare prices.
- Organize moving-related paperwork (lease copies, quotes from moving companies, etc.).
- Start sorting things into categories: "Keep," "Discard" and "Donate."

4 Weeks Out
- Plan garage or yard sale; drop off any items you’re donating.
- Notify children’s schools of the impending move and research the new schools.
- Get new medical records from doctor’s offices if switching.
- Buy moving supplies: scissors, markers, packing tape and anything else you might need, including old newspaper.

3 Weeks Out
- Book moving company.
- Start packing non-essentials and labeling boxes.
- Notify utility companies of move and give them date for when service should be shut off.

2 Weeks Out
- Start eating foods that can’t last a night without refrigeration, as well as foods that are already open (like chip bags).
- Arrange for pets to get to new home, or be watched elsewhere until move is complete.
- Have car serviced and check with insurance company about updating policy, if necessary.
- Notify place of work about move and new address.

1 Week Out
- Pack, pack, pack!
- Officially change your address via USPS website.
- Make sure valuables (like expensive jewelry) are easily transferred with you, preferably in your vehicle.
- Pack a suitcase with necessities to take with you, just in case the moving truck doesn’t make it.

The Night Before
- Defrost your refrigerator and freezer.
- Clear pantry of any open food containers.
- Do one final sweep of the house, in every room and every closet.
- Vacuum, dust, clean; make sure the place is left in decent condition.
MORE MOVING TIPS

BOXING IT ALL UP

Where to find moving boxes, maybe even for free:

- Office supply stores
- Bookstores
- Local bars
- Grocery stores and pharmacies
- Liquor stores
- Home improvement stores

How to construct them:

Don’t simply use a complicated fold, as heavy objects will fall through the bottom. These boxes only hold about 5 pounds before opening.

You can use a complicated fold with tape. It will hold 140 pounds before breaking.

The best option is a simple fold with a piece of packing tape over it. This will hold the most weight!

AFTER THE MOVE

Once you’ve unpacked enough to settle in, double check that you’ve updated your address with:

- Your employer
- Insurance providers
- Cable /Internet providers
- Credit card companies, banks and other financial institutions
- Utilities
- U.S. Postal Service
- Friends and family
- Newspapers and magazines
- Medical and dental providers