

Moving Tips and Timeline

STREAMLINE YOUR PACKING AND MOVING WITH THESE HELPFUL TIPS



4-10 Weeks Prior to Moving Day

Go through all your closets and see what you can donate. Anything you can get rid of now you won't have to move later. Take pictures and/or write down information about important items you plan to move. Begin collecting moving supplies. Boxes can often easily be attained from businesses wishing to recycle them, but make sure they are sturdy and have lids. Determine if you will use a moving company, rent a moving van or container, or borrow a friend's truck or trailer. Get confirmation of dates, prices, and pick-up location of moving van.

1-4 Weeks Prior to Moving Day

Change of address forms can be filled out online or at the post office. Take a picture or label clearly anything you take apart...remember it will need to be put back together after you move. Keep bolts/hardware from disassembled furniture in Ziploc bags and attach the bag to the furniture so it will not get lost. If drawers are removed from furniture, label in an inconspicuous spot on the dresser and a corresponding letter or number on the drawer for ease in replacing in the correct location. Have a box packing strategy such as color coding by room, numbering boxes, or writing the contents on the outside. Draw arrows for boxes that should be kept upright and noticeable warnings for fragile items. Throw a moving party and invite friends and family to help pack boxes and load the moving van. If using a moving company, determine if you will require additional insurance. Inventory your belongings and take pictures of the condition of valuable furniture. Make arrangements for where to sleep the night before you leave your old home and the first night at your new location.

Moving Day

Have a friend bring over some cleaning supplies to help with last minute touch-ups before you move out. Keep a suitcase separate from all your boxes that contains necessities for the first few days at your new location, including all prescriptions. Keep a cell phone charger easily accessible. Transfer utilities. Write down your meter readings in case you want to verify your final utility bill. Use good body mechanics when lifting heavy items. Bend your knees to prevent injury to your back. Double check your moving van to make sure nothing was left behind. If using a moving company, you might want to inventory the furniture and boxes as they are being unloaded at your new home.



Getting Settled

Update your address with your banks, employers, credit card companies, insurance providers, utility companies, subscriptions, driver's licenses, professional organizations, friends and family. If you need to place some or all of your belongings in storage, prioritize any items you may need to access and put them in the unit last. Some appliances may need to be winterized prior to storage in a cold climate. Be bold in making new connections. Introduce yourself to your new neighbors, attend a church, join a club or a sports league. Relax. Moving is a big life event and you will need time to feel smoothly transitioned into your new home.



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