



# MOVING CHECKLIST

## *One Month Prior*

- ☐ File “Change of Address” forms with the postal service
- ☐ Make arrangements to move your personal belongings and furniture, either by phoning a moving company or arranging for a rental truck.
- ☐ Gather boxes and other moving supplies that you might need.
- ☐ Plan your travel route to your new home. Be mindful of any bridges or overpasses that might have a clearance restriction.
- ☐ Create a folder to keep moving expense receipts, as some of these are tax deductible. Lodging, meals, and fuel are some of the items you can claim on your taxes.
- ☐ Develop a plan for packing – packing the things you will use most, pack last, then ensuring those items that you will need first when you arrive at your new home will be available.
- ☐ Notify family, friends, and businesses of your move.
- ☐ Notify federal and state tax authorities, as well as any other government agencies.



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## *Two Weeks Prior*

- ☐ Notify services like gas, electric, water, cable TV, phone, and internet of your move.
- ☐ Arrange for services at your new address
- ☐ Have your car serviced if your new home is some distance away.
- ☐ Recruit people to help you on moving day.
- ☐ Have a detailed plan for keeping pets safe at all times once the movers arrive. This can be a very stressful time for them as well, with strangers in the house, loud noises, a lot of activity, and doors being open for periods of long time.
- ☐ Arrange for babysitters of any small children
- ☐ Confirm your moving company or rental truck arrangements.
- ☐ Notify your bank if you are leaving the city.



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## *One Day Prior*

- ☐ Keep moving materials separate so they don't accidentally get packed until you are done.
- ☐ Put your phone chargers in a safe place to keep handy.
- ☐ Pick up a rental truck if you are moving yourself.
- ☐ Fill up your car with gas, and double check your oil and tire pressure.
- ☐ Get a good sleep!

## *On Moving Day*

- ☐ Have the proper moving supplies handy, such as undamaged boxes to finish packing, blankets for TV's, mirrors, and pictures, and tie-down straps to prevent large items from shifting during the drive.
- ☐ Do a final walk-through to make sure you have everything!
- ☐ Pack the "Essentials" box. This will be the box you open first at your new home, and will have phone chargers, personal hygiene items, pet food, snacks, bottled water etc. Everything you will need to keep handy as you move into your new place.
- ☐ Do a walk-through of your new home and take pictures, checking for any damage that wasn't there when you purchased.





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## *After the Move*

- ☐ Make sure that any mail that arrives with a yellow sticker (this indicates it was forwarded) is contacted and given your new address.
- ☐ Register to vote in your new area.
- ☐ Get the address on your driver's license changed to your current address. If you have moved to a different state, you will need to apply for a new one.
- ☐ Contact auto insurance to have the policy changed to your new address.
- ☐ Find out when the garbage is picked up at your new home, and what recycling programs are available.
- ☐ Select a new doctor, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, etc. and have your medical files transferred.
- ☐ Locate new service providers such as banks, pharmacies, plumbers, HVAC contractors etc.
- ☐ Make a list of the new emergency numbers to have handy in your new home.