

Moving Checklist

A printable, room-by-room and week-by-week checklist to keep your move on track. Pairs with our full budgeting guide: worldutilityhub.com/blog

8 Weeks Before

- ☐ Research and get quotes from at least 3 moving companies or truck rental options
- ☐ Set a moving budget and start a dedicated savings buffer
- ☐ Create a household inventory of major items and belongings
- ☐ Start using up food in your freezer and pantry
- ☐ Research your new city or country's cost of living

6 Weeks Before

- ☐ Book your moving company or truck rental
- ☐ Start decluttering: sell, donate, or discard items you won't take
- ☐ Order packing supplies (boxes, tape, bubble wrap, markers)
- ☐ Notify landlord or list your home for sale if applicable
- ☐ Research schools, healthcare providers, and services in your new area

4 Weeks Before

- ☐ Begin packing non-essential rooms and off-season items
- ☐ Label boxes by room and contents
- ☐ Start collecting important documents (medical, school, financial records)
- ☐ Arrange time off work for moving day
- ☐ Confirm insurance coverage for belongings during the move

2 Weeks Before

- ☐ Submit a change of address (postal service, banks, subscriptions)
- ☐ Schedule utility disconnection at your old home and connection at your new one
- ☐ Arrange childcare or pet care for moving day
- ☐ Confirm moving company details, arrival time, and payment method
- ☐ Pack a first-night box (toiletries, chargers, medications, a change of clothes)

Moving Week

- ☐ Defrost and clean the refrigerator
- ☐ Finish packing all remaining rooms
- ☐ Take photos of valuable items and existing damage before the move
- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of every room, closet, and drawer
- ☐ Charge phones and keep chargers accessible, not packed

Moving Day

- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of your old home before leaving
- ☐ Take a photo of utility meters if applicable
- ☐ Keep your first-night box, important documents, and valuables with you, not on the truck
- ☐ Confirm the new address with the moving company before they leave
- ☐ Do a walkthrough of the new home before movers unload

After the Move

- ☐ Check all boxes and furniture arrived undamaged
- ☐ Set up utilities and confirm they're active
- ☐ Update your address on your driver's license, vehicle registration, and voter registration
- ☐ Locate the nearest hospital, pharmacy, and grocery store
- ☐ Start unpacking room by room, beginning with the kitchen and bedrooms

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