



The Ultimate Moving Guide

Checklist and Tips to Make This Move as Easy as Possible



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Home Cleaning Checklist

Bedroom

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean light fixtures & switches | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust furniture and clear clutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out under the bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe baseboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Flip mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash bedding and pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Swap warmer weather clothes in drawers and closet | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash or vacuum floor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum or clean window coverings | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and organize closet | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check batteries in smoke alarms | | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Living Room & Family Room

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down baseboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash throws & pillows | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust shelving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows & window coverings | <input type="checkbox"/> Steam clean carpet or wash floors | <input type="checkbox"/> Organize & clean cabinets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum couch & chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean light fixtures and switches | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean light fixtures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dust furniture and clear clutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Check batteries in remotes | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean & dust accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean tabletops | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Kitchen

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean & organize pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down baseboards & light switches | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean sink & counters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean & organize fridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Flip mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe all kitchen appliances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dust off top of fridge & cabinets | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep and mop floors | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down baseboards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean light fixtures | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean kitchen table and chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Bathrooms

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean sink & counters | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down baseboards & light switches | <input type="checkbox"/> Replace toothbrushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean toilets | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean light fixtures | <input type="checkbox"/> Store unused countertop items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean shower/tub | <input type="checkbox"/> Organize below sink | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash floor mats & towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep and mop floors | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean & dust accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Halls & Entry

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe down baseboards & light switches | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash or vacuum floor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean light fixtures | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash floor mats & towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash windows & window coverings | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Ultimate Moving Checklist

Change of Address

- U.S. Postal Service
- Drivers License
- Internal Revenue (IRS)
- Social Security
- Voter Registration
- Banks
- Loans
- Investments
- Credit Cards
- PayPal/Venmo
- Automated Payments
- Place of Employment
- Insurance
- Doctors
- Schools
- Friends & Family
- Subscriptions
- Associations

Services to Cancel or Transfer

- Cable
- Internet
- Phone/Cell
- Electric
- Gas
- Water
- Sewer
- Trash
- Landscaping
- Housecleaning
- Pest Control

Organize

- Keep personal & financial documents in one box
checkbooks, passports, birth certificates, insurance docs, taxes, etc.
- Update medical records
- Notify old & new schools
and arrange transfer
- Keep keys & garage opener in a bag for new owners
- Keep a folder with warranties & manuals for new owners
- Plan meals to use any food you have left
- Save moving receipts
possible tax deduction

Packing & Storage

- Purge unused items
- Reserve truck or movers
- [Reserve storage unit](#)
review locations and reserve online
- Pack infrequently used items ahead of time
- Start a family "Move Kit" for first night in new home

Moving Day

- Arrange help for kids or pets for the day
- Have cash to tip movers
- Final cleaning
- Dispose of trash
- Run garbage disposal
- Final walk-through
- Raise/lower thermostat
- Turn off water heater
- Lower shades
- Lock all doors & windows

First Night at the New Home "Move Kit"

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Clorox wipes
- Disposable plates & utensils
- Easy breakfast items
- Bars/snacks
- Trash bags
- Shower curtain liner
- Towels
- A special movie to watch with kids
- Scissors
- Hand soap
- Bed sheets
- Pet bowls
- Bottled water
- Toothbrush & paste
- Pajamas
- Change of clothes
- First Aid Kit

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