

Your Comprehensive Moving Checklist ✓

Are you moving homes or businesses this year? Congratulations and condolences – you’ve just signed up for one of the biggest chores known to humankind. Thankfully, a bit of planning and preparation makes this chore manageable. Here’s a comprehensive checklist to keep you on track.

A Month Before the Move

☐ **Make a list — or several.**

Create a master list to keep track of everything you need to take care of during your move. From this list, you can create smaller lists that include room-specific checklists, as well as who to book, who to notify, and what to purchase.



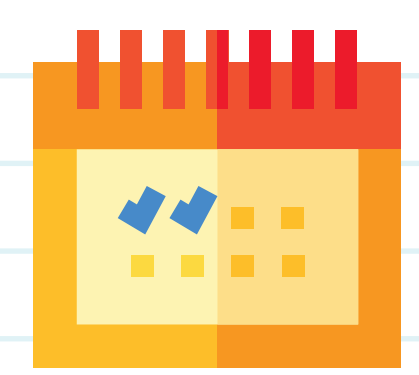
☐ **Do your research.**

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☐ **Gather your supplies.**

Grab packing essentials like boxes, bubble wrap, and packing tape. They also might include clothing hangers, plastic bags, furniture covers, and vehicle tie-downs.



The Week of the Move

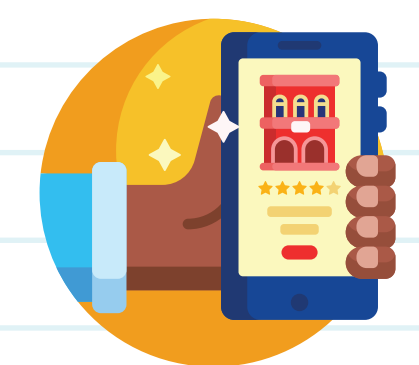
☐ **Get organized and start sorting**

Make “donate” and “throw away” bins. Separate your valuables from your other items. Eat or give away your perishables. Begin packing, and start with the items you won’t be using in this final week.



☐ **Finalize moving and self-storage reservations.**

Give your movers and self-storage providers one last call to get everything squared away and ask any last-minute questions.



☐ **Clean your house.**

To avoid issues with your landlord and to discover any items you may have missed, it’s a good idea to thoroughly clean your house before leaving.



☐ **Notify relevant parties and fill out necessary paperwork.**

Get in touch with friends, family members, employers, and neighbors. Cancel and/or transfer utilities like gas, electricity, cable, and internet service. Complete the U.S. Postal Service’s change of address form, notify your bank of your new address, and get new vehicle documentation if necessary.



The Day of the Move

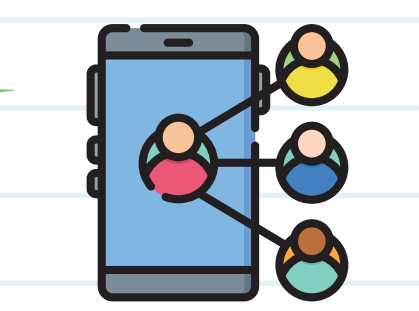
☐ **Pack an essentials bag.**

Pack a backpack or small duffel with toiletries, snacks, important electronics, first aid supplies, and clothes.



☐ **Make last-minute arrangements with your movers**

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☐ **Make sure nothing gets left behind**

Do a final pass of every room in your home before locking up.



☐ **Load and unload properly**

Let your movers do the heavy lifting, but always supervise them. Use carts for assistance and try to keep your items covered.



The Week After the Move

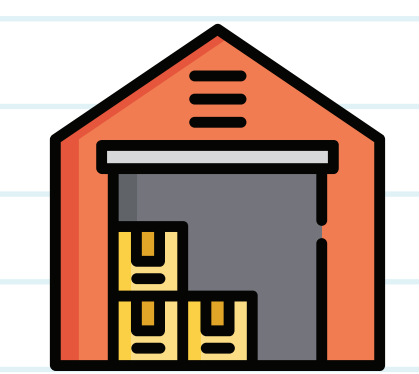
☐ **Pace yourself**

You don’t have to unpack everything in a day or even a week — but if you wait too long, you’ll start to feel unsettled in your new space.



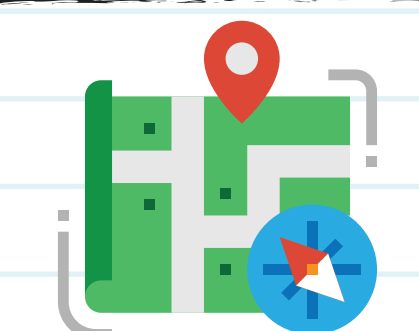
☐ **Invest in at-home storage**

Find creative ways to store your belongings so they aren’t sprawling on the floor or sitting in piles along the walls. Shelves, cabinets, dressers, or even storage boxes are great places to start.



☐ **Explore the area**

Check out your new area and get a lay of the land.



☐ **Invite everyone over**

Keep your old friends close and make new ones around your neighborhood by throwing a housewarming party (after you’ve unpacked!).

