

# PREPARING TO MOVE IN 30 DAYS

*Moving is a monumental task. Here's how to spread it out over the course of a month for maximum success.*

- Day 01** Take inventory of everything you'll need to move.
- Day 02** Invest in packing supplies, including: boxes, bubble wrap, packing tape, and markers for labeling.
- Day 03** Create "to throw away," "to donate," and "to sell" boxes and/or piles.
- Day 04** Make your inaugural trip to the landfill and the donation center.
- Day 05** Compare moving companies and self-storage facilities.
- Day 06** Make your reservations with professional movers and a self-storage facility.
- Day 07** Gather important documents—like passports, mortgage papers, insurance portfolios, and medical records—and put them in safe place ahead of the move.
- Day 08** Change your address with an official mail forwarding form. Notify banks, insurance companies, and subscription services of your move.
- Day 09** Start, stop, or transfer your utility services.
- Day 10** Notify your friends, family, and neighbors of your move.
- Day 11** After performing a second round of sorting, take another trip to the landfill and the donation center.
- Day 12** Create online listings for items you want to sell.
- Day 13** Check your prescriptions and make sure you have enough to make it through the move. If not, order more today.
- Day 14** Plan your travel route. This is especially important if you're moving cities, flying, or taking multiple days in transit to reach your new home.
- Day 15** You're halfway there. Begin packing lesser-used items in your home, such as fine dishware, seasonal items, and books.
- Day 16** Take a(nother) tour of your new place. This can help you determine whether you'll need to do more downsizing.
- Day 17** Continue packing lesser-used items in your home. Invite a friend over for help.
- Day 18** Take care of your yard, day one. Make sure everything is accounted for and straightened up before you leave.
- Day 19** Take care of your yard, day two. Some yards require two days of maintenance.
- Day 20** Speak with your landlord about any property services that need to be scheduled before you leave.
- Day 21** Begin a room-by-room packing tour of your house. Start by clearing out foods in your kitchen.
- Day 22** Move to your bathrooms and pack-up toiletries and linens that will not be used before the move.
- Day 23** Call your movers a week in advance to make sure they are still coming on your scheduled day.
- Day 24** Tour the remaining rooms in your house and pack up anything that will fit into a box. Leave out electronics and other essential appliances, as you may want to use them.
- Day 25** Begin packing up your bedroom. Start with your closets, dressers, and desks.
- Day 26** Finish packing up your bedroom. Be sure to leave a few clothes and essentials free for the remaining few days.
- Day 27** Perform one final day of yardwork or exterior cleaning before vacating your premises. (This is especially important if you're renting.)
- Day 28** Vacuum, mop, and wipe down your house. Pack up all electronics.
- Day 29** Check in with your movers one last time and pack a day-of bag.
- Day 30** Get to sleep early before the big day.

