

HOW TO

Move

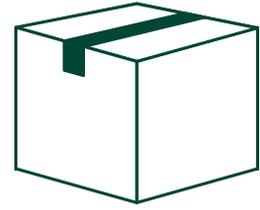
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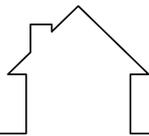
Plan

BEFORE THE MOVE



Moving can be overwhelming. You learn just how much *stuff* you have. By taking it one step at a time, you can enjoy a smooth and rewarding process.

Below are suggestions for a well planned move. Timelines and specifics will vary, based on your own unique circumstances.



2+ Months Before

- Set your moving budget based on your resources and needs
- Save and collect boxes and packing materials
- Schedule any repairs that will need to be completed before moving
- Start decluttering: sell, donate, or toss items you no longer need
- Safely discard of hazardous household waste (dead batteries, old paint, etc)
- Make travel plans if moving long-distance
- Shop around and hire a real estate agent if you haven't already
- Meet with your agent to discuss selling and/or purchasing a new home

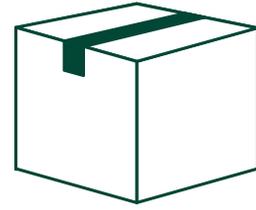
1+ Month Before

- Research options for movers, a truck or portable container (get 3+ quotes)
- Once you decide, make your moving reservation
- If renting, check lease terms for notice requirements and notify landlord
- Collect or order extra moving supplies (boxes, tape, labels, packing materials)
- Pack items that on not used frequently - label boxes by room + content
- Request time off work for moving if needed
- If moving far, research doctors, schools, and utilities in the new area



Prepare

FOR THE BIG DAY



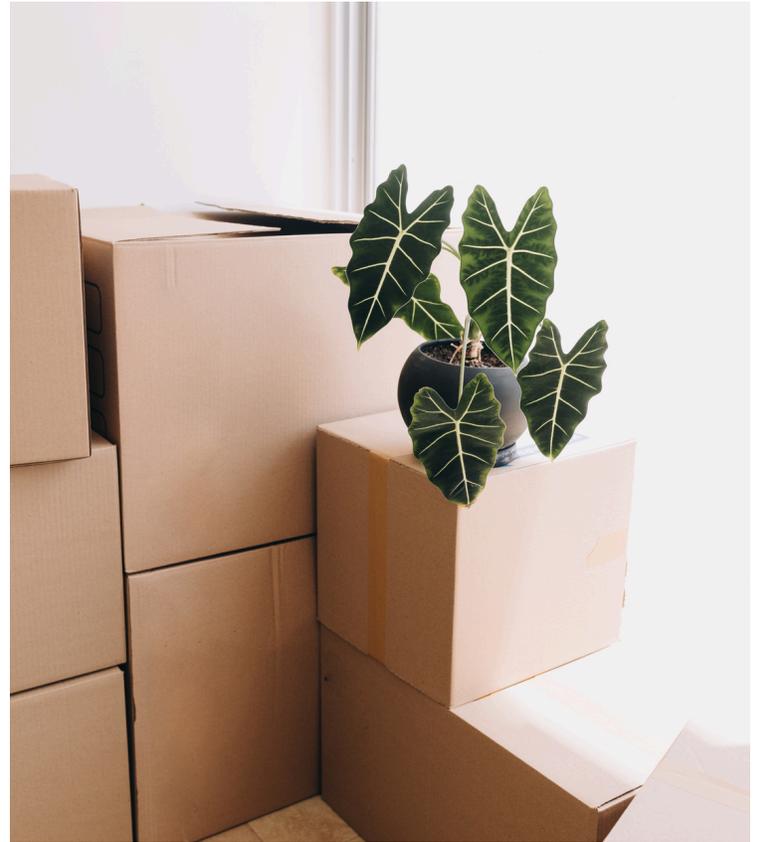
2+ Weeks

- Start using up perishable food and supplies
- File a Change of Address with the post office
- Set up or transfer services and utilities for your new home
- Schedule disconnection of current services and utilities for day after move
- Deep clean appliances: refrigerator, freezer, microwave, stove + oven
- Back up computers and important digital files
- Your real estate agent will confirm the closing date and final steps
- Clean your current home or schedule a cleaning service



Pro Tips

- Use towels, blankets, and clothes to pad fragile items
- Take photos of electronic connections before unplugging
- Label box sides—not tops—for easy reading when stacked

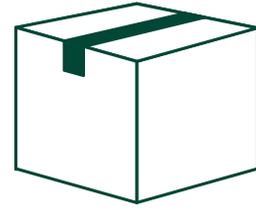


1+ Week

- Pack a “first week” essentials box with toiletries, chargers, clothes, + bedding
- Confirm arrangements with movers or truck rental
- Notify banks, insurance, employer, and subscription services
- Finish packing the rest of your belongings
- Keep important documents, valuables, and keys in a separate, secure place
- Your agent will coordinate a final walkthrough

Moving

DAY IS HERE



This may be a long and busy day, or week. Stay focused, you got this!

Day Of

- Inform movers of any special instructions
- Take photos of your new home before moving anything in
- Keep valuables and important documents with you
- Do walk-through of each room so nothing forgotten (see *Final Check*)
- Pay hired movers (a tip for good service is customary), or buy a meal helpers
- Ensure your old home is clean for new occupants + to avoid fees or charges
- Take photos of your old home after everything is cleaned and moved out
- Lock up and leave keys/garage openers as arranged

Pro Tip

You will only have one day as your first day in your new home. Make a plan to celebrate, and allow time to enjoy your new space.

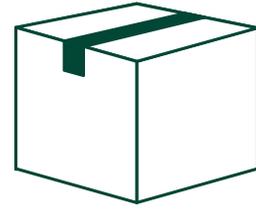
Final Check

- Cabinets in kitchen + bathrooms
- Closets
- Attic and/or crawlspace
- Oven, dishwasher, washer + dryer
- Garage, shed, outbuildings



Settle In

AFTER THE MOVE



1+ Week After

- Unpack and organize belongings room by room
- Introduce yourself to neighbors and get to know them
- Update contact info (see *Address Update Checklist*)
- Explore the neighborhood and find your favorites (brunch, grocery, park, etc)
- Start your new home maintenance checklist
- Celebrate + enjoy your new home — moving is hard work, and you did it!



Address Update Checklist

- USPS** - Change address + set up mail forwarding at usps.com
- Utilities** - Schedule shutoff/start: electric, gas, water, internet, trash
- Financial Institutions** - Checking, savings, loans, credit cards, + investments
- DMV** - Driver's license + vehicle registration
- IRS** - Use Form 8822 or update with your next return
- Insurance** - Notify home, auto, health, life, and pet insurers
- Voter Registration** - Update at vote.gov or local election office
- Doctors & Health Providers** - Including dentist, specialists, + vet
- Subscriptions & Deliveries** - Amazon, meal kits, magazines
- Schools** - Notify children's schools or your own
- Online Accounts** - Apple, Google, PayPal, and apps
- Memberships & Loyalty Programs** - Gyms, clubs, airlines, hotels, libraries
- Friends & Family** - Share your new address once settled

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