Moving Checklist

Moving into a new home is exciting, but the process getting there can be stressful. Having a plan and preparing in advance will reduce your stress level and help you better enjoy the process. Remember, you'll be settled in soon and enjoying your new home:

Done	6-8 Weeks Before the Move	Notes
	Get estimates for movers or rental truck	
	Schedule movers or rental truck	
	Determine furniture layout for new home	
	Make inventory of household items	
	Arrange for school transfer	
	Ask for doctor and dental referrals; arrange for transfer of medical	
	and dental records	
	Fill out change-of-address card with post office	
	Clean out all closets and drawers	
Done	4-6 Weeks Before the Move	Notes
	Get packing supplies: boxes, packing paper, tape, markers	
	Use up or dispose of food, cleaning supplies, and hazardous materials	
	Have garage sale/donate unwanted items	
	Arrange for carpet and drapery cleaning	
	Arrange for house cleaning	
	Arrange for move of pets	
	Arrange for move of plants	
	Arrange for utilities (cancel old; start new):	
	□ Electricity	
	Gas	
	□ Water/sewer	
	☐ Telephone/DSL	
	☐ Garbage/recycling	
	☐ Cable/satellite	
	Arrange for transfer of homeowner's/renter's insurance Begin packing	
	Make travel arrangements	
	Request relocation package from Chamber of Commerce of new town	
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Done	2-3 Weeks Before the Move	Notes
	Set aside critical documents and items you will keep with you	
	Transfer prescriptions	
	Notify of new address:	
	☐ Family and friends	
	□ Newspaper	
	☐ Magazines	
	☐ Bank accounts	
	☐ Health, life, and auto insurance policies	
	☐ Credit card bills	
	☐ Employer	
	Create a folder of important information and user manuals for the	
	new owner of your home (if applicable). Include your contact information	
	so they can forward any mail.	
	Plan for child / pet care during your major packing and moving days	
Done	1-5 Days Before the Move	Notes
	Check in with your escrow officer, real estate agent, and lender	
	to make sure your home sale and purchase are on schedule.	
	Defrost freezer	
	Empty ice maker and ice cube trays in case of power shutdown	
	Clean refrigerator, stove, and oven	
	Disconnect and drain appliances for move	
	Drain fuel from power equipment	
	Close out safe deposit box	
	Confirm travel arrangements	
	Confirm arrival time of movers/pick-up time of rental truck	
	Confirm parking for your moving vehicle	
	Have payment and snacks ready for movers	
	Gather and clean outdoor furniture	
	Return cable box, cable modem, DSL modem if necessary	
	Organize keys	
	Clean house	





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Done	Moving Day	Notes
	Disassemble beds	
	Double-check that all cupboards, closets, dishwasher and other appliances are empty	
	Give movers tour and instructions for what is being moved Lock windows and doors, turn off furnace, turn off lights	
Done	Moving in and Settling in	Notes
	Inspect your new home before moving in - note any unexpected damage and take photos	
	Clean anything that needs cleaning prior to unloading	
	Verify utilities are working (power, water, heating, cooling)	
	Unload your items and start settling in	
	Assemble beds first so you have a place to sleep	
	Move on to the kitchen and bathroom next	
	Offer beverages and snacks to helpers	
	Check for any damage to items while moving Replace locks and make copies of keys	
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Done	Within 30 Days of the Move	Notes
	Change address	
	Driver's license	
	Auto registration	
	Voter registration	
	Re-establish safe deposit box	
	Enjoy your new home!	
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