

# MOVING TIMELINE

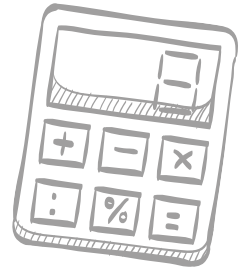
## MOVING INSIDER®

There are many steps you need to take prior to your move. To maximize the use of your time and make your move easier, our friends at **Moving Insider** created this moving timeline. Simply print it out and check off each task as you complete it.

### 8 WEEKS BEFORE

**MOVING TIP:** In addition to labeling boxes with their contents, label what room they'll be going in. Color coding rooms and their respective boxes can help too.

- Purge before packing.**  
Eliminate clutter and get rid of unnecessary items. Consider having a yard sale, donating to charity, or offloading the items online.
- Create a budget for your move.**  
Figure the cost of moving supplies, truck rental and any new items for your home. Create a moving binder to hold all of your moving-related paperwork.
- Begin packing.**  
If you begin packing slowly over the course of two months, you can avoid trying to pack everything at the last minute, which can be extremely time-consuming and can create undue stress. Do one room at a time over the weeks leading up to your move. Pack the bedroom and a box of kitchen and first-night supplies last.
- Make reservations.**  
Call and reserve your moving equipment and schedule your moving helpers, if needed.



### 4 WEEKS BEFORE

- Transfer services.**  
Call your utility, Internet and cable companies to transfer services to your new home.
- Notify the appropriate companies of your change of address.**  
Make sure your mail will be going to the right place. Submit a change of address form online or stop by your local post office. Don't forget to change the address that's on file with credit card companies, vehicle loans, and insurance agents. (Use our Whom to Notify When You Move checklist to help with this task).
- Cancel local newspapers and other regular deliveries.**  
Switch magazine subscriptions, newspapers, and catalogs to your new address.
- Put items in storage.**  
If you have large pieces of furniture that will not be going into your new home, and that you don't plan to sell or give away, rent a storage unit. Now is the time to pack them away.

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## 2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Confirm everything.**  
Call and confirm your truck rental and moving help. Make sure they will be where you need them at the right time.

- Pack a box with essential items.**  
Most likely, unpacking every box won't be done by the first night of move-in. Pack a box of essentials such as shampoo, a change of clothes, a toothbrush, clean sheets and a towel, and label this as your "First Night" box. This will eliminate the frustration of digging through boxes when you're getting ready to go to bed your first night.

- Inspect your house and make any final repairs.**  
The last thing you want to worry about post-move is problems with your old home. Do a final inspection and walk through the entire place to make sure everything is in good working condition.

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**MOVING TIP:** Set aside extra time to pack the fragile items, such as glassware. It will take longer to pack these items carefully so that they don't break during the move. Bubble wrap and cushion foam are some items that will help.

## 2 DAYS BEFORE

- Do laundry.**  
No one wants to move dirty clothes from one place to another. Laundry just becomes an extra task for you after moving into your new home.

- Clean your old home.**  
Now that nearly everything is packed and ready to go, you can get your home ready for the new residents. Wipe down the windows, sweep the floors and vacuum the carpets.

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**MOVING TIP:** Small tasks are easily forgotten when moving. Set important dates and reminders as alerts on your phone or on your calendar.

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## MOVING DAY

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- Energize!**  
Eat a balanced breakfast and have plenty of water and snacks on hand to keep you going. It's the big day. You'll be on the go for the better part of it.
- Pick up your equipment.**  
Go to the location where you have made your moving truck reservation. Arrive 15 minutes early or check in online to account for potential lines or delays. If you've hired a moving crew, make sure everything is ready to go before they arrive.
- Take care of any children and pets.**  
Whether you're dropping them off at a babysitter or keeping them busy in another room, make sure you have the proper arrangements ready to go for your children or pets.
- Make copies.**  
Make copies of moving receipts and statements for future reference and taxes. Or just tuck them away in the pocket of your moving binder.
- Keep calm and breathe.**  
Remember to take your day one step at a time and allow yourself time to take a break if needed. Keep yourself hydrated and have a positive attitude. This will make sure your move runs smoothly.



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Follow this checklist leading up to moving day to ensure that you are prepared for your move. Moving is a multi-step process; remember to take it in stride and minimize stress by planning efficiently.