



HOME MOVING GUIDE

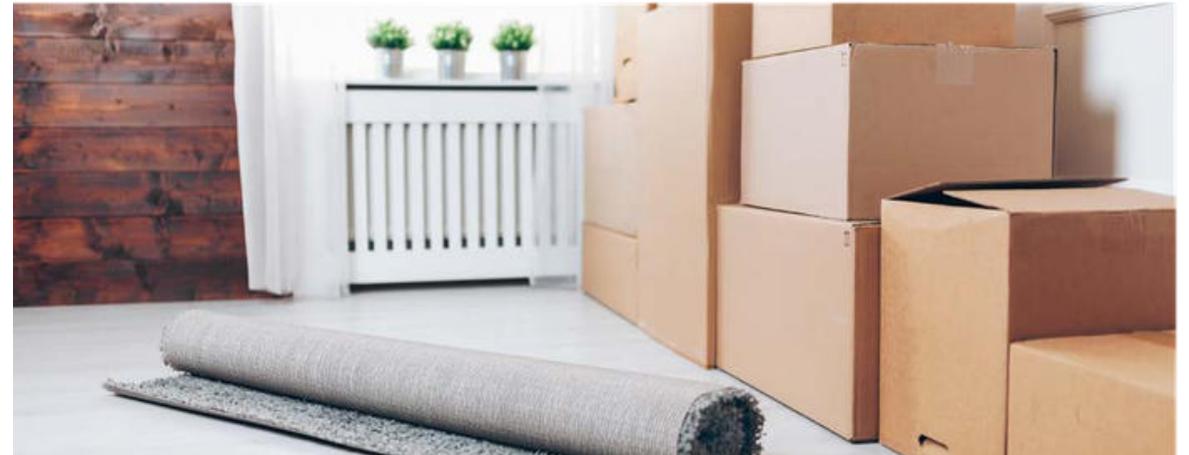
Tips To Prepare You For Moving Day



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Countdown to Moving Day

Now that you've found your dream home, it's time to get settled into the new place! We all know that moving can get pretty stressful. But as long as you plan ahead and stay organized, you can minimize this stress and have the best move-in experience possible. Here are some helpful tips to guide you through your next move.





Choosing A Moving Company

- Research their reviews and experience. Consider checking the company's track record on the Better Business Bureau website.
- Never use a moving company that isn't licensed and insured. If you're moving long distance, ask if they're licensed for interstate moves.
- Ask about their policies in the event that any items are damaged.
- It's recommended that you compare quotes between at least 3 different moving companies. But make sure to choose movers you trust, not just the cheapest option.



Moving Countdown: 2 Months Before

If necessary, make travel arrangements & hotel reservations.

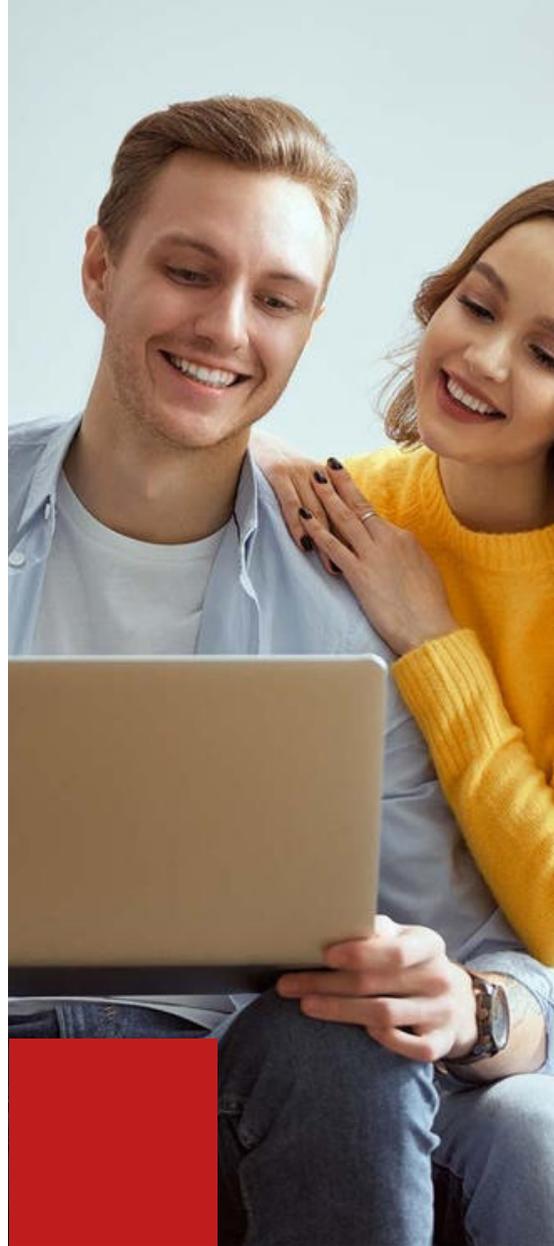
Find recommendations for doctors in your new community.
Obtain all necessary medical records.

Notify your car, medical, house, & other insurance companies
of the move. See if any changes are necessary.

If you have children, notify their current school. Get in contact
with new schools for enrollment info. Transfer your children's
school records to their new schools.



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Moving Countdown: 6 Weeks Before

Arrange the transfer of your utility services:

- Electricity
- Gas
- Water
- Sewer
- Trash & Recycling pick up
- Internet

It's recommended that you activate new services a couple days before your arrival.





Change Your Address

Complete your change of address form with the Post Office.
Contact other organizations to update your address:

- Social Security Administration
- IRS
- Retirement Plan Providers
- DMV
- Cell Phone Provider
- Insurance Provider
- Banks
- Credit Cards
- Investment Companies
- Family & Friends
- Doctors
- Pharmacy



Sell Or Donate Items You No Longer Use

Before you start packing, go through all your

closets, drawers, and other storage to gather items that you don't need.

You can sell as many items as possible to help pay for the move!

For the remaining items, drop them off at a donation facility, or arrange for a donation pickup. Save your donation receipts for tax purposes.





Getting Ready To Pack

Gather moving materials ahead of time:

- Moving boxes (different sizes)
- Markers
- Labels
- Packing Tapes
- Plastic Bins
- Scissors & Box Cutters
- Padding (bubble wrap, packing peanuts)
- Small & large sandwich baggies
- Small, medium, & large trash bags

You may underestimate how many moving boxes you'll need. Give yourself extra time in case you need to pick up more boxes or packing supplies.



Start Packing!



Start with non-essential items that you won't need to use until a few days or weeks after the move.

For each room, separate important items that you might need immediately on arrival to your new home. Label every box to make it easy to identify. It's a good idea to color code your labels.

Kitchen Items:

- Dish detergent & soap
- Coffee maker
- Disposable cups, plates, flatware
- Frying pan & spatula
- Trash bags
- Scissors
- Pet food & bowls

Bathroom Items:

- Medicines
- First aid kit
- Shower curtain, rings
- Bath mat, towels
- Soap, shampoo
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Tools:

- Batteries
- Flashlights
- Tape measure
- Screw drivers
- Utility knives
- Duct tape

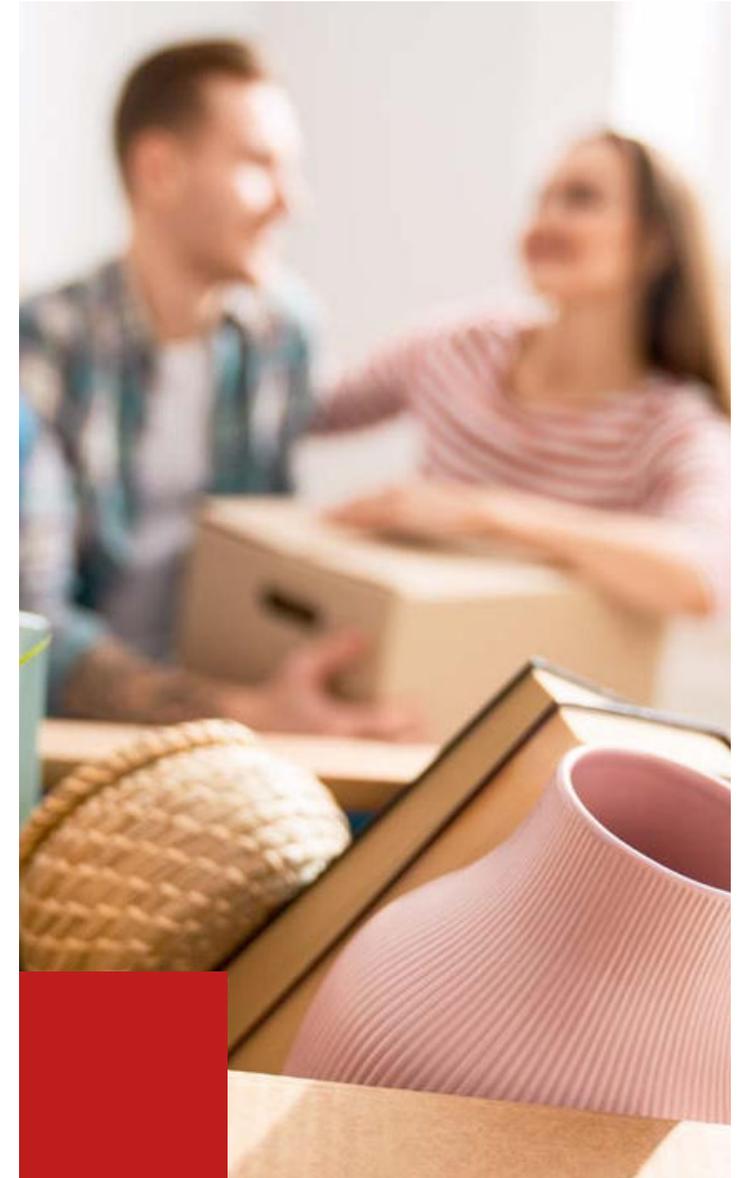
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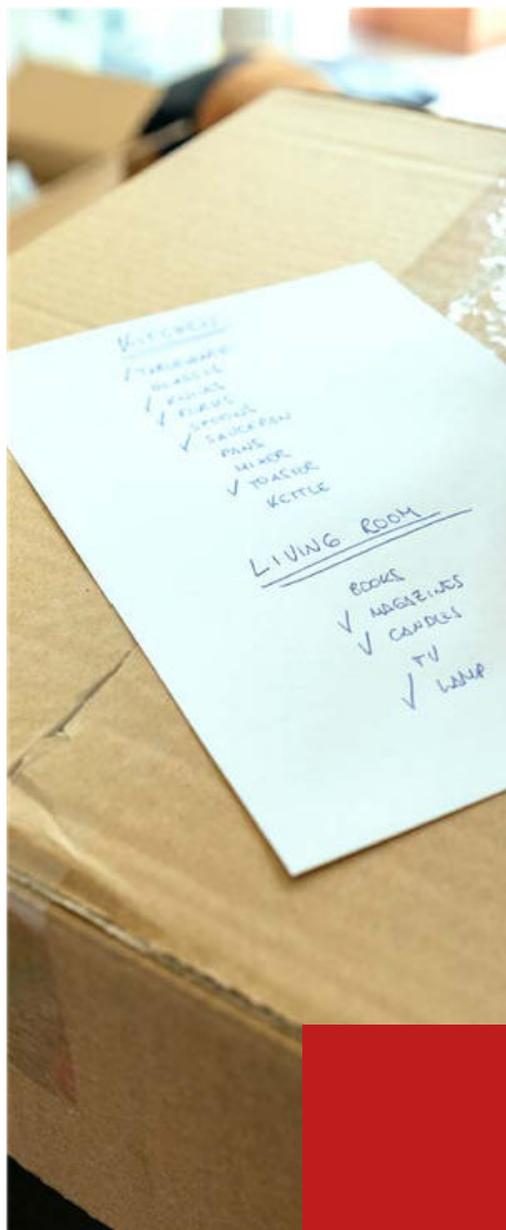
- Pack one room at a time to help you stay focused.
- Label your boxes with each room they need to go in.
- Always make sure the bottom of the box is sturdy before packing it
- For fragile items, clearly label the box "Fragile" in large, bold writing.
- Never pack flammable or combustible items.
- Use small boxes for heavy items. Lighter items can be packed in larger boxes.
- For each box, put heavier items in the bottom and lighter items on top.



Packing Tips

- Before packing up expensive/delicate items, take a picture of them in case they're damaged in the move.
- Take your time packing china and delicate dishes. Separate each dish with packing paper, use extra bubble wrap or padding around each stack of dishes.
- Pack clothing, bedding, and towels in suitcases. You can also use older linens and towels as padding for fragile items.
- Leave clothes on the hangers. Use large trash bags to group these together. This way, you can hang the clothes in your new closets, and simply tear the trash bags away!
- For important papers (birth certificates, passports, social security cards) pack these separately in a box and keep it with you so they don't get lost.
- For electronics, put separate accessories (cords, attachments) into different baggies so they don't get tangled up. Label the baggies with a marker or stickers.
- When disassembling complicated electronics or furniture, take pictures to help you reassemble them later.





Moving Countdown: 1 Week Before

- Contact movers to confirm the move date, give them directions, arrange payment & make sure they have all relevant phone numbers.
- Call a locksmith and make arrangements to have your locks changed promptly upon moving in.
- Finish packing as much as possible!
- Make a move-in day checklist. A game plan will help you strategize and stay organized on the special day!
- Ask your friends and family for help moving. Even with the movers, you may need extra help with running unexpected errands, or grabbing last-minute items.
- Begin packing suitcases for family members. This way everyone will have all the necessities like clothes, toiletries, and electronics handy instead of packing them away into boxes.

Kids and Pets

You'll want to make arrangements for childcare and pet sitting. On the day of the move, there will be a lot of activity going on. It may be unsafe or stressful to have kids and pets around.

Make sure your pets' tags/microchips are updated with the new contact info. For long car rides, determine if you'll need to make frequent stops for your pet. Be prepared if they get carsick.

Once you arrive, make sure everyone is safe while movers are coming in and out.





Moving Countdown: 1 Day Before

- Check for any last items you may have missed. Look in every drawer, cabinet, or closet. Check the attic, garage, pantry, refrigerator, and under any large items such as beds.
- Do a final walkthrough of every room to make sure everything is properly packed.
- Expect unpacking to take a while. Make sure all personal essentials (clothes, toiletries, medicines) are easily accessible for the first 3 days of unpacking.
- Charge your electronics. Have a lot of water and/or sports drinks ready.



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Moving Countdown: Day Of The Move!

- Get up early!
- Consult with movers as they inventory every room.
- Take all the garbage out.
- Before movers drive off, do a final walkthrough to ensure nothing is missing.
- Turn off lights and lock doors.





Moving In!

- Review all paperwork from movers and make final payment.
- Guide the movers to correct rooms for boxes and furniture.
- Ask them to place heavy furniture and items before they leave.
- If anything is damaged, leave the item packed until an inspector can take a look.
- Be strategic about what you unpack first! Do not unpack in random order.
- Begin with bathrooms, then make sure all beds are in order, pace yourself and stay calm! Unpacking takes patience, and reducing stress while unpacking will make the process much easier.
- Remember to change the locks on your new home as soon as possible.
- Put on your favorite music, crack some jokes, and make the most of your move-in day!

Need Help Buying Your Dream Home?

Moving in to your home can be an amazing experience as long as it's planned accordingly. If you're looking to buy or refinance a home, give us a call and we can help set you up with the best possible financing options.

Our accredited mortgage advisors will speak with you about your financial situation, what your goals are and take care of all the research to provide you with the best financing options with all the available benefits you can qualify for. We'll also walk you through the next steps toward finding available programs in your local area, so you can get the most benefits possible.