Customizable Moving Checklist

Use this moving checklist to help guide you organize the moving process—plus add your own items to make it personalized.

2 Months Before

Choose how you move

Begin organizing

Take inventory

Start new school enrollment

2 Weeks Before

Set up mail forwarding Schedule PTO Update license and registration Plan out final meals (optional) Have a going away party (optional)

1 Month Before

Confirm moving arrangements Gather moving supplies Schedule utility cancellation Begin packing and sorting Arrange for travel

1 Week Before

Miscellaneous

Pack a bag with essentials Break down large furniture Update neighbors Clean your home

A Few Days Before

Review paperwork

Verify the movers

Change locks or return keys

Get some cash



10 Clever Moving Hacks



Use these simple moving hacks to make packing up a breeze.



Use stretch wrap

Stretch wrap is a cost-effective wrap that can help keep looser objects secure.



Stick Apple Airtags into boxes with valuable items

Apple Airtags can locate important boxes if they get lost during the move.



Create a moving binder

Keep your moving documents and notes organized in one place such as a binder.



Use trash bags to pack clothing

To protect hanging clothes, place a trash bag over them, with the hangers sticking out from the bottom.



Mark "open first" boxes

Label boxes that contain essentials as "Open First." This way, you'll know which boxes to unpack immediately upon arrival.



Use socks for glassware

Slip socks over glasses and stemware to prevent them from breaking.



Pack plates vertically

Wrap plates in bubble wrap and pack them vertically like records in a box to reduce breakage.



Label cables

Use colored tape or labels to identify cords and cables. This makes it easier to set up electronics in your new home without confusion.



Tape nails to furniture

If you disassemble furniture, tape the screws and nails to the underside of the furniture pieces they belong to. This way, they won't get lost.



Reward yourself

Set up a small treat for yourself once the move is complete. It can motivate you and give you something to look forward to amidst the chaos.