

6 Weeks Before You Move

- Select a mover and plan your moving Budget
 - a. Create a “moving” file or folder on your computer or on Google Drive (or old school a paper folder) to store for your move.
 - b. Schedule in-home estimates with movers.
 - c. Use these estimates to create your budget. Knowing the cost of your move up front will help you plan.
 - d. Ask your moving company if you can move dressers with clothing inside. That will save on boxes.
 - e. Select and schedule your mover.

TIP: Yes, 6 weeks out is a long time. But the further out you schedule, the better the selection of dates and the cheaper your move will be.

- If you have large, fragile or unusual items (gun safe, pool table, piano) hire a specialty mover. Most moving companies will not handle these items.
- Sort belongings into a keep, sell, donate, trash pile.
- Have a garage sale.
- Start collecting free boxes from local retailers, your neighborhood Facebook page, and recycling bins.

5 Weeks Before You Move

- Start packing a little bit every day. This will keep you from getting stressed.
- Label your moving boxes with a different color sticker or tape for each room. That will make it easy for you to identify where each box goes.
- Use socks, t-shirts, towels and linens to pack your fragile items. That will cut down on costly packing material that will just be discarded.
- If you’re moving cross country, have your vehicles serviced. The last thing you want is to deal with a breakdown mid-move!

4 Weeks Before You Move

- Use or make a plan to donate items that you can’t pack or sell, such as frozen foods, bleach, and aerosol cans.
- Gather all financial and legal records in one place. You’ll want to carry these with you during the move.
- If you have school aged children, request a copy of their transcript so they can register at their new school.
- Compile medical, dental, and optical records for everyone in your home.
- If you’re moving out of town, find a new doctor, dentist, and vet in your new neighborhood. Get your records transferred to the new medical professional.
- If you have pets, order new ID tags for their collars.
- Shop for utilities for your new home, and schedule disconnection in your old home.
 - o Cable
 - o Internet
 - o Phone
 - o Water
 - o Natural Gas (If you live in Georgia, Michigan or Ohio, shop online at NaturalGasPlans.com)
 - o Electricity (If you live in Ohio, Connecticut or Texas, shop online at ElectricityPlans.com)
 - o Trash/Recycling

2 Weeks Before You Move

- Recycle or dispose of corrosives, flammables, and poisonous items.
- Start creating menus that will use up the food already in your kitchen. Anything you eat won’t have to be packed up for the move!
- Back up your computer. If something goes awry during your move, you’ll be thankful you have everything saved in an alternate place.
- Find somewhere safe for pets to go during your move. Look into doggy daycare or ask a friend to watch them for a day.
- Find somewhere safe for the kids to go during your move too. You’ll be busy going in and out with the movers and will need to keep them from being underfoot.

- Change your address with loan providers, credit cards, banks, and the payroll department at work.
- Order new checks.
- Set up mail forwarding with the USPS.
- Make sure you canceled and/or redirected scheduled deliveries. Remember that item that was on backorder? You want it to get to your new home.
- Pack a bag (one per family member) with everything they will need for their first week in the new home.

The Night Before You Move

- Unplug your fridge and freezer to defrost the night before. Make sure you lay a towel in front of it to absorb any water that leaks.
- Drain water hoses to your washing machine and ice maker.
- Take photos of electronics before unplugging them. This will help jog your memory when you're reconnecting things such as your TV and stereo. Label power cords so you know what they go to.
- If you are disassembling furniture, put all your hardware in labeled baggies for easy furniture reassembly.
- Withdraw cash to tip your movers.
- Go to your new place to get the keys and to make sure the electricity is on. Consider cleaning your new place so you aren't moving into someone else's dirt.

Moving Day Checklist

- Protect your floors and carpets during the move.
- As soon as your movers leave, make your bed and unpack your shower curtain and toiletries. You'll want to be able to shower and relax after the move.
- Make a shopping list and pick up some groceries. Having food in the house will prevent you from unnecessary spending.
- Don't have curtains or shades yet? Cover your windows with sheets for privacy for your first night. This will help you sleep more comfortably.

One Week Post Move

- Find your new favorite hangout spot or restaurant! Re-establishing your schedule will help you feel more at home.
- Post your moving boxes for free on your neighborhood Facebook or NextDoor page. Who knows, it may even help you meet your neighbors!
- Update your phone with the non-emergency phone number for the police and fire department.
- Make sure your home's address is visible from the street.

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