

MOVING CHECK LIST

✓ 28 DAYS BEFORE MOVING:

- Plan your moving budget.
- Inventory all possessions. Decide what to move, sell, replace or donate to charity.
- Arrange for disposal of remaining furnishings, clothing etc via garage sale, donation, giveaway.
- Finalize your Real Estate Financing.
- Order Property Insurance.
- If you are selling the home you are in, check with your Realtor or Buyer as to whether they are having a Home Inspection. If so, try to arrange as soon as possible so that you will have time to satisfy required repairs.
- Gather sufficient moving supplies, boxes, tape, newspaper, bubble wrap and rope.
- Prepare auto(s) for trip to new home. Check tires and have car(s) serviced before the move.
- Terminate newspaper and other delivery services.
- Arrange to close or transfer your bank account, if appropriate
- Plan your driving travel route.
- Obtain copies of all medical, dental, legal, accounting, veterinarian records. Place legal, medical, and insurance records in a safe and accessible place.
- Obtain an IRS Change of Address form, call 1-800-829-1040.
- Give the following your new address (online: <https://moversguide.usps.com/?referral=USPS>):
 - ___ 1. Friends and family members.
 - ___ 2. Banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions.
 - ___ 3. Charge card and credit card companies.
 - ___ 4. Doctors, dentists, magazines, subscriptions and other service providers.
 - ___ 5. State and Federal Tax authorities and government agencies such as Foster Parent authorities.
- Save moving receipts (many moving expenses are tax deductible).



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for a complete list of moving, local utility, insurance companies and other services that can help your move be an easier one.

✓ **TWO WEEKS BEFORE MOVING:**

- Inform long distance phone company of your move & sign up for long distance service at your new address.
- Recruit moving-day help.
- Confirm new bank accounts by phone or FAX.
- Ensure that nothing remains at the dry cleaners or at repair businesses.
- Reduce your frozen food stock.
- Dispose of any goods that you no longer need.
- Dispose or drain any flammable items: Lawn mower and snow blower gas, gas cans, paint, aerosol cans.

✓ **THE DAY BEFORE MOVING:**

- Set aside moving materials: a tape measure, pocket knife, packing boxes, tape & markers.
- Bring moving vehicles to your house.
- Check oil and gas in your vehicles.
- Defrost the refrigerator/freezer
- Ensure that washer and dryer are empty and are disconnected
- Give away perishable foodstuff or plants
- Make sure you have money, closing documents and closing cashiers check, charge cards, and other essentials easy accessible.

✓ **PACKING TIPS:**

- Label each box with the room in the new home to which it should be delivered. Carefully mark **LAST BOX PACKED-FIRST BOX UNPACKED** containing tools, flashlights, etc.
- Number the boxes and keep a list of what is in each box.
- Clearly mark fragile items.
- Pack a bag of personal items you'll need during the move (change of clothes, toiletries, medicines, maps, food, and drinks). Keep it in an easy-to-find place when you pack.
- Keep a medical kit accessible.
- If you are moving with pets, visit <https://moversguide.usps.com/mgservice/SimpleJsp?pid=100003> for a list of how to safely move your pets and what to pack so the trip is fun and safe for all.
- Remember - many of your moving expenses are tax deductible, so hang on to your receipts.

✓ **ARRIVAL DAY:**

- Let family members or friends know you have arrived safely.
- Check in with your real estate agent to confirm itineraries.
- Check to make sure all utilities are on and working properly.
- Once in your new home check the pilot lights in your hot water heater.

✓ **AFTER MOVING:**

- Register to vote.
- Register your vehicle.
- Get a new drivers license.
- Apply for Homestead Exemption.