



Moving into a New House Checklist (with What to Buy)

6-8 WEEKS BEFORE

Research reputable movers (preferably one recommended by a friend)

Set aside your moving expenses

Purchase the following:

Moving boxes

Packing tape

Bubble wrap

Permanent markers

Cushion foam

And other moving supplies (or rent plastic moving boxes)

Contact your doctor's office, and have your family's medical records forwarded to your new doctor's office

Ditto your dental records

Likewise, organize your children's school records, and have them sent to the new school (if applicable)

Check your home inspection, and arrange for any required repairs, improvements, or messy tasks (e.g. removing popcorn ceilings, painting, refinishing hardwood floors) to your new home

If you're moving in fall or winter, have the chimney swept

4 WEEKS BEFORE

Hire a mover

Purge, then purge some more

Start packing

Set aside valuables that will move with you, personally

WHEN YOU HAVE A MOVE-IN DATE

Switch your utilities (electricity, water, natural gas, TV, Internet, etc.)

Alert major accounts (banks, credit cards, insurance, human resources, etc.) to your change of address

Set up your forwarding address at the post office

Request your moving day(s) off from work

Book a deep cleaning (for your new home, for a few days before you move in); check Groupon, Handy, or Angie's List for deals

Start "eating down" the fridge and freezer; you don't want to move with frozen food or perishables

Take measurements, to ensure larger furniture will fit through doors/around stairwell corners and to design your rooms

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE

Pack your Moving Day suitcase (pajamas, underwear, change of clothes, toothbrushes, etc.)

Clean out your safety deposit box

Confirm with the moving company

Finish packing everything but last-minute items

Refill prescriptions (stock up)

Defrost the freezer (if it's moving with you)

A FEW DAYS BEFORE

Double-check the details with your mover

Arrange payment (credit card, check, cashier's check, money order?) for the mover

MOVING DAY

Verify that the moving truck is from your moving company (scams happen)

If applicable: Verify that the moving truck's USDOT number matches the USDOT number on your estimate

Verify & sign the bill of lading/inventory list

Tip your movers (typically 10-15% of the total job)

IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU MOVE IN

Test the smoke & carbon monoxide detectors

Place at least one fire extinguisher on each floor

Reprogram garage door openers

Change the locks (and then, hide a key or give one to a friendly neighbor)

Locate the main circuit breaker

Locate the main water shut-off valve, plus all exterior water supply shut-offs

Locate gas shut-off valves (localized, near the stove or dryer; and also the main valve), if your home is plumbed for natural gas

WITHIN A FEW WEEKS

Ask your neighbors for service recommendations (plumbers, electricians, babysitters, cleaning agencies, etc.)

Make friends

Enjoy!



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