moving checklist



Two Months Before

- [ ] **Sort & Purge:** Go through ever room of your house and decide what you want to throw away, donate, and keep.
- [ ] **Request On-Site Estimates:** Get written estimates from a number of different moving companies and be sure that they provide their U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) number.
- [ ] **Start a Folder:** Keep all estimates, receipts, & inventory list in an easy to find folder.
- [ ] **Take Photos:** Photograph your home to identify what goes where and how you organized your shelves, nightstands, and counter spaces.

Six Weeks Before

- [ ] **Measure:** Make sure that large pieces of furniture will fit through hallways and doors on their way out.
- [ ] **Arrange Additional Help:** Ensure you have someone to watch your kids and pets, or have help moving if needed.
- [ ] **Order Supplies:** Get boxes, table, bubble wrap, markers, and any other supplies you may need to pack up all of your stuff.

One Month Before

- [ ] **Get Confirmation from Movers:** Obtain a written confirmation from movers on date, cost, & other details.
- [ ] **Pack Infrequently Used Items:** Start to pack up things that you won't use again until you move.
- [ ] **Contact Current Services:** Cancel your gas, electric, water, cable, garbage, and any other service you have.
- [ ] **Change Address:** Contact schools, banks, doctors, and pharmacies with your new address.

One Week Before

- [ ] **Pack It Up:** Pack up all of your stuff other than day-of essentials, which can be packed in a suitcase.
- [ ] **Forward Mail**: Make sure that all of your mail is going to your new address when you have moved.

On Moving Day

- [ ] **Verify Movers:** Ensure that the USDOT number on the truck matches the number on your estimate.
- [ ] **Final Walkthrough:** Spend time looking to see that you remembered to grab everything.

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