

Moving Checklist



No matter the size of the move, you can get organized and prepared before moving day with the checklist below!

Six Weeks Before

- Get recommendations from friends or review websites like Angie's List for reliable moving companies
- Start getting quotes from moving companies such as Student Movers. Remember to ask the following questions:
 - What is an exact quote? (make sure to get it in writing!)
 - Will the movers help pack?
 - What insurance is included
 - *Want these questions answered about Student Movers? Check out our FAQ section!*
- Contact your insurance company for extra insurance if you have expensive valuables you are concerned about
- Create a moving binder including the moving company contract, emergency phone numbers and a list of valuables you are concerned about.

Five Weeks Before

- Arrange kids' school records, medical and veterinary records to take to your new school and doctor's office
- Start sorting through what can be tossed or donated before the move
- Measure all big furniture and make sure it can fit through the doorways
- Start using food items in your freezer (get creative with recipes!)

Four Weeks Before

- Order boxes and moving supplies (Student Movers can help you with this one!)
- Start packing items that you don't use on a regular basis
- Begin to label boxes and pack room for room (read our tips for general moving!) Pack up the basement and attic

Two Weeks Before

- Notify the post office you are moving and forward your mail for a few weeks
 - Make sure to notify other companies of your new address
 - Phone Co
 - Electric Co
 - Gas Co
 - Water Co
 - Cable Co
 - Credit Cards
 - Bank
 - Magazines
 - Newspapers
 - DMV
 - Tax Bureau (IRS)
 - Social Security Administration
 - Gym & other memberships
- Pack up the bulk of the items and keep a master list so you know what is packed where
- Hold a garage sale for items you have decided can be disposed of
 - Make sure to call Goodwill and see if they will pick up any left over items (they usually will for large pieces)
- Create travel plans for pets (read our tips on moving with pets!)

Week Of the Move!

- Pack a suitcase with entertainment, extra clothes and food for the day of the move
- Pack an essentials box with items you will need immediately for your new home
 - Bedding linen
 - Utensils
 - Towels
 - Toilet Paper
 - Medications
 - Cleaning Supplies
- If driving, get your car serviced
- Empty and defrost the refrigerator and freezer at least 24 hours before the move
- Drain gas from grills and other outdoor cooking equipment
- Call and verify the moving date with the moving company
- Call to get the services shut off (keep them active through moving day)
- Plan some trips with your family so everyone can say goodbye to places that hold happy memories
- Label items that need extra special care on moving day
- Check closets and cabinets one last time
- Make sure to breathe and enjoy moving day as much as possible; After all, you are on your way to a new home!