

CHECKLIST

KITCHEN ESSENTIALS:

- Kitchen towels
- Dishcloths
- Cookware and baking tools
- Serve ware
- Glassware
- Cutting boards
- Utensils and cutlery
- Food storage containers
- Coffee pot
- Tea kettle

BATHROOM ESSENTIALS:

- Toilet paper
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Toilet bowl brushes
- Plungers
- Toiletries
- Medications
- Trash can
- Towels

LAUNDRY ROOM ESSENTIALS:

- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Iron
- Ironing board
- Towels
- Stain removers
- Clothes bin

BEDROOM ESSENTIALS:

- Mattress
- Mattress pads
- Sheets
- Comforters
- Duvet covers
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Quilts
- Lighting
- Mirrors
- Closet organizers
- Decor
- Tissues

UTILITY AND SAFETY:

- Basic [tools](#) (hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, socket wrench set, etc.)
- A first aid kit
- [Batteries](#)
- Flashlights
- Surge protectors
- Extension cords
- Duct tape
- Candles
- Matches or lighters
- Phone chargers
- Mini fire extinguisher

HOME DECOR:

- Rugs
- Wall art
- Mirrors
- Plants
- Desk accessories

HOME LIGHTING:

- Light bulbs

PET ITEMS:

- Water bowl
- Food bowl
- Food
- Leash

OUTDOOR LIVING:

- Grill
- Patio furniture
- Planters
- Garden tools
- Plants/Flowers
- Garden hose

MISC. ITEMS:

- Don't forget a new [trash can](#).
- [Cleaning supplies](#) like disinfecting wipes, glass cleaner, dishwasher detergent, all-purpose cleaner, garbage bags, hand soaps, paper towels and cloths.
- Exterior door mats



MOVING TIPS

The following checklist of moving activities will help make your move-in a pleasant experience.

1. Decide if you'll move yourself or hire a moving company.
2. Notify appropriate utilities and services as to the date to discontinue services at your old address and begin services at your new home: Electric Water
3. Notify the Post Office of your change of address and effective dates.
4. Notify your employer.
5. Send change-of-address cards to: Dept. of motor vehicles Insurance carriers Subscriptions (publications) Professional consultants Department stores Pertinent agencies Business accounts Family, friends, organizations
6. Order new checks from your financial institution; transfer to a closer branch if necessary. You may wish to have your bank give you a credit reference or perhaps purchase travelers checks to tide you over.
7. If your children are entering new schools, check with administration on transfer tips.
8. Notify doctors, lawyers, accountants, dentists, eye doctors, veterinarians, and other the professionals you deal with periodically of your new address. You may wish to get records, as well as new prescriptions for use at a closer pharmacy.
9. Inventory your belongings and divide them into three groups: Belongings to Move, Belongings to Leave, Borrowed Items to Return.
10. Pack the items that will go with you as early as possible.
11. Start using up the food in your refrigerator, freezer

PACKING TIPS

Even though you're busy with other things, don't be tempted to put off packing until the last minute! Pack a box or two a day; it will make the job much easier. Be sure to pack carefully so that your belongings arrive in the same condition as they were before.

- Boxes - collect both large and small ones, the sturdier the better. Find boxes with tops that can be sealed and remember to seal the bottom before packing.
- Always check your boxes BEFORE you move them into your new home. They may have grease, soil or spills which can damage or stain your new flooring.
- Packing paper - This is essential! You can buy some at moving companies (they also sell boxes). Newspaper makes everything messy, especially you.
- Tape - Several rolls of wide sturdy tape to close boxes.
- Markers - You'll need these to label boxes.



YOUR PLAN OF ACTION

- Pack each room separately. Avoid mixing articles from different rooms in one box or think ahead if a change is being made. Use a different colored marker for each room to label boxes.
- Label each box with the contents, the room where it belongs, and where applicable, color code. • Pack books, records, and other heavy things in smaller cartons; pillows, baskets, and lightweight things in larger boxes.
- Take special care with fragile items like glassware and china. Leave them in their original containers whenever possible.
- Drawers of dressers and desks can be stuffed with linens and pillows.
- Don't pack the bedding, towels, and change of clothes you will need right away. Keep them handy in a suitcase with any last-minute toiletries.
- Don't forget to arrange for the move itself. Either call on your strong-armed friends, especially the ones who have trucks or vans, or call a professional moving company and arrange a date. You may also want to do some comparison shopping and call truck rental.
- Buy garden hose.
- Buy cleaning products.

SECURITY TIPS

- Buy lock for outside gate.
- Buy and install extra window locks on sliding area.
- Buy and install extra door locks on sliding area.
- Buy time clocks for lamps.

MORE TIPS

- Learn to lift properly and avoid back strain.
- Make up beds before your energy wears out. Be sure to follow regular bedtime routines with children. Moving can be confusing to little ones.
- Plan to have dinner out the first night. Relax -you've earned a break, and there are some great restaurants nearby.
- Telephone family and friends to let them know how you did and don't be afraid to ask for help. They are probably full of curiosity and would welcome the chance to lend a hand.
- Fire Extinguisher: Every homeowner should buy at least one fire extinguisher.

GET SOME HELP

Your friends and relatives may ask what they can do to help you make this a successful move. Don't try to do it all yourself. If you are asked, it is best to be frank, ask them to do something specific that you can count on them to do.



FOR INSTANCE

- Help collect boxes for packing.
- Help with a garage sale - a two-family sale is more interesting anyway and if they participate, it is a good incentive.
- Treat you to dinner the night before you move so the refrigerator can be cleaned.
- Supervise for your children on moving day as parts of the community may still be a very busy construction site.
- Pack a moving day lunch.
- Bring by a mid-afternoon pick-up like a thermos of coffee and cookies.
- Prepare a salad and frozen dinner for your second night.
- Watch the old house, or the new one, on moving day as you can't be in two places at once.
- Put down shelf-paper at the new home.
- Keep your frozen food in their freezer until yours is hooked-up.
- Lend a hand cleaning the old place after the move.
- Launder last night's bedding