



# Preparing to Move...



## HERE'S AN IN-DEPTH CHECKLIST TO PREP YOU FOR YOUR MOVE!



### FINANCES:

- Purchase moving insurance to ensure your belongings are protected during your move
- Put together a moving binder/spreadsheet to keep track of receipts and your item inventory
- Purchase packing supplies (boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, labels, etc.)
- Budget for any moving costs (ex: a moving truck)
- Research moving companies and compare truck sizes/prices. Ask about additional fees/charges discounts
- If you are moving cross country, make travel arrangements (booking flights/hotel rooms). If your new place is not ready, look into short-term housing.

### HOME TASKS:

- Declutter your home; decide what to take, sell, donate, or throw away
- Create an inventory of your items & categorize them by room
- Gather free boxes from grocery stores, department stores, etc.
- Take photos of any furniture, appliances, or home decor you are going to sell. Create listings on sites like [Craigslist](#), [Facebook Marketplace](#), and [eBay](#).
- Set up a packing schedule so you can space out packing tasks
- Donate items to nonprofit programs like [Habitat for Humanity's ReStore](#) or your [local LGBTQ center](#).

### LOGISTICS:

- If you are renting, talk with your landlord to determine your move-out day and when they will inspect your unit
- Schedule your moving day with professional movers & reserve your truck
- Arrange to have any records transferred to your new area (medical records, prescriptions, school transcripts, veterinary records, etc.)
- Contact your renters or homeowners insurance provider to set up your coverage change
- If necessary, request time off from work to accommodate your moving schedule
- Make a list of things you need to update before moving (mail forwarding, magazine subscriptions, gym memberships, etc.)
- If you are asking friends or family to help you move, talk to them about your moving plan
- File an [official change of address](#) with the United States Postal Service.
- Set a start date with utility providers at your new address and determine a stop date with your current utility providers (if you are not transferring services to your new address).
- Find internet or cable providers and schedule installation
- If you rent your current home, send a written notice to your landlord informing them of your new address to receive your security deposit & future correspondence
- If you are moving long-distance, plan to get your vehicle serviced before driving cross country
- Confirm your moving details with the moving company
- Set up a time with your landlord or real estate agent to do a final walkthrough of your current residence.
- Put together an essentials box (Ex: toilet paper, nonperishable snacks, paper dishes, scissors, and first-aid items) that can be easily accessed at your new home
- Store important documents like birth certificates, social security cards, and passports in a waterproof storage container that you can safely keep with you while moving
- Properly dispose of any hazardous or toxic chemicals (e.g., batteries, light bulbs, household cleaners, etc.).

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