

THE ULTIMATE OUT-OF-STATE MOVING CHECKLIST



EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Set a moving budget**
Start by listing all necessary costs and make sure those are covered. Then, set aside additional funds for unexpected expenses.
- Create a moving folder**
Dedicate one folder to hold all estimates, receipts and other important paperwork. Keep it in a safe but easy-to-remember place.
- Research moving companies and gather quotes**
Once you've identified two to four reputable movers in your area, request on-site estimates and get each quote in writing.
- Reserve a moving truck**
If you're handling the out-of-state move yourself, call to reserve your moving truck as soon as possible to get the truck size you need on the day(s) you want.
- Start making lists for "Keep, Donate and Throw Away"**
Go through each room and start categorizing your items. When finished, schedule a day to visit the donation center and the dump.

FOUR WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Choose your mover**
To get the exact day and time you want, be sure to book your mover weeks in advance. Once the date, total cost and other details are confirmed, get it in writing.
- Start packing items you don't use often**
Off-season clothes, power tools and anything you don't need for the next month should be packed away.
- Submit a change of address**
Go to your local post office or the Official USPS® Change of Address website and submit your form.
- Notify important parties**
Alert the following institutions of your move and give them your new address: employer, bank, credit card companies, insurance providers and utility companies.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Confirm all your appointments and reservations**
Double-check with your mover, utility companies and anyone else on your schedule.
- Finish packing**
Aside from clothing and other essentials, pack everything you won't need until after you arrive at your new home.
- Secure your valuables**
Place your jewelry and other expensive items in a special container to take in your personal vehicle on moving day.
- Transfer your medical records**
Inform any doctors, dentists, etc. that you're leaving the state and also fill out any medical-record transfer forms ahead of time.

THE DAY BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Check each room one more time**
Do a final sweep to make sure nothing is left behind in a closet or cabinet.
- Arrange the transfer of keys**
If you're selling your home, schedule a time to pass them to your real estate agent. If you're renting, ask your landlord where to leave them.
- Fill up the tank**
Make sure you have plenty of gas in your vehicle to get to your new home and run last-minute errands.
- Get cash out of the bank**
Even if you plan to pay your mover with a credit card, it can be helpful to have cash on hand to tip the crew or buy them food and refreshments.

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