

If Santa were moving, he'd use this checklist. And check it twice.

If you're moving, you should use this moving checklist. Whether you're moving a cozy studio apartment across town or a heavily furnished five-bedroom home across the country – moving is an undertaking to say the least. Use this detailed and printable checklist to help make sure you get everything done before, during, and after your move, and use the links for a deeper dive on certain topics. You're welcome.

1. Collect free boxes from restaurants and the liquor, grocery, and office supply stores.
2. Compare and hire a moving company early.
3. If you're moving into an apartment, find out if there are any moving day requirements.
4. Unplug your fridge and freezer to defrost the night before.
5. Plan your route and book hotels if you're moving long distance.
6. Have your vehicles serviced if you're moving cross country.
7. Purchase moving insurance to cover all your belongings during the move.
8. Transfer your homeowners or renters insurance to your new home.
9. Fill your prescriptions so you have enough on hand.
10. Transfer your prescriptions to a new pharmacy, if necessary.
11. Choose a school for your children.
12. Order transcripts for your kids for their new school.
13. Pack a little every day, so you don't have much to do later.
14. Donate or sell everything you don't need.
15. Fill nail holes with a soap bar before conducting a final walkthrough with your landlord.
16. Clean your current home, including carpets, for the next resident.
17. Create a digital or hard-copy moving file to organize your moving-related receipts and bills.
18. Compile medical, dental, and optical records for everyone in your home.
19. Request copies of vet records and obtain any necessary pet medication.

20. Gather socks, t-shirts, towels, and linens to use as free packing supplies.
21. Remove lightbulbs from all lamps you plan to move.
22. Take photos of all electronics before disassembling them.
23. Pack an essentials box with everything you'll need 24 hours after your move.
24. Create an inventory sheet of all your valuables before they go on the moving truck.
25. Plan meals two weeks in advance to use everything in the freezer.
26. Transfer your utilities including water, electric, and natural gas.
27. Set up trash removal and recycling for your new home, and cancel your current service.
28. Address minor home repairs before move-out.
29. Transfer your newspaper and magazine subscriptions with an Updater invite.
30. Thoroughly clean your new place.
31. Clean your carpets at your new residence.
32. Return your library books.
33. Label your moving boxes using different color stickers/tape for each room.
34. Put all your hardware in labeled baggies for easy furniture reassembly.
35. Recycle or dispose of corrosives, flammables, and poisons that can't go in the trash or on the moving truck.
36. Line up a babysitter or arrange a play date to keep little ones somewhere safe during the move.
37. Find somewhere safe for pets to go during your move.
38. Make sure pets have ID tags on their collars.
39. Return movie or video game rentals.
40. Make your bed and unpack your shower curtain and toiletries as soon as your movers leave.
41. Shop around for a cable, internet and phone bundle.
42. Find a new doctor, dentist, and vet in your new neighborhood.
43. Make copies of your new keys for the babysitter, nanny, dog walker, etc.

44. Update your driver's license.
45. Pick up clothes from the dry cleaner.
46. Empty oil and gas from grills, heaters, lawn mowers, and snowblowers, etc.
47. Drain water hoses to the washing machine and automatic ice maker.
48. Cancel or transfer membership at your gym, yoga studio, Crossfit facility, etc.
49. Plan a garage sale.
50. Get appropriate vaccinations for your pets if you're flying or moving out of the country.
51. Change your address with your loan providers, credit cards, and the payroll department at work. Request an Updater invite [here](#).
52. Protect your floors and carpets during the move.
53. Find your way to work by car or public transportation.
54. Sweep your chimney before you use it for the first time.
55. Change your address for auto insurance and car registration.
56. Cover your windows with sheets for privacy on your first night.
57. Hire a special mover to move your piano, pool table, or safe.
58. Withdraw cash to tip your movers.
59. Watch the weather channel and be prepared for undesirable weather.
60. Mark moving boxes that are fragile.
61. Back up your computer.
62. Gather birth certificates, passports, etc. for everyone in your home and carry important documents close to you on moving day.
63. Research packing hacks to make moving day easier.
64. Request time off work for moving day.
65. Clean out your safe deposit box and any lockers you have at the gym, country club, etc.
66. Clean outdoor furniture and fountains.
67. Make sure you know how to move your fish and aquarium.

68. Make a moving-day playlist to enjoy while unpacking.
69. Spend time with your friends and relatives before moving day.
70. Find out laws concerning moving yard plants, or find a new home for them.
71. Return borrowed items from friends, family, and relatives.
72. Measure doorways, stairways, and elevators to make sure all your furniture will fit. Measure twice – move once!
73. Conduct a final walkthrough to make sure nothing is hiding on shelves or dark corners of closets.
74. Leave a note or small gift for new residents.
75. Create a packet for new residents with owner's manuals and warranties for appliances.
76. Take photographs of your empty place to prove its move-out condition.
77. Verify that your moving truck has a US DOT number to ensure they're a legitimate mover.
78. Set up an alarm, and get up early on moving day.
79. Tip your movers.
80. Thank your real estate agent or broker.
81. Thoroughly read over documents from your movers before signing anything.
82. Keep a list of moving-related expenses in order to claim a tax deduction.
83. Post leftover moving boxes or unwanted furniture on Craigslist, upcycle them, or give them to someone else who's moving.
84. Hang a laundry line to keep your energy bill low.
85. Go grocery shopping on moving day so you don't have to keep ordering takeout.
86. Find a new landscaper and snow removal service in your new neighborhood.
87. Transfer your monthly services, such as Netflix.
88. Notify government offices, including the social security administration, veteran's administration, and the IRS.
89. Confirm parking options for your moving truck - you may need a permit on moving day.

90. Change your address with the bank, and order new checks.
91. Make sure your new home has a visible address.
92. Send a thank you note to any friends or family who helped you move.
93. Find the nearest library, café, grocery store, takeout restaurant, or any area you'll visit frequently.
94. Aim to unpack all your stuff within two weeks of moving day.
95. Explore your new neighborhood.
96. Get to know your new neighbors!
97. Register to vote.
98. Install a new home security system.
99. Change your address with the post office.
100. Leave a review of your moving company.
101. Donate unused food by choosing a moving company that works with our partner Move for Hunger!
102. Create a \*realistic\* budget for moving expenses.
103. Create a “moving” file/folder to store quotes, receipts, records, & other info.
104. Research your new community.
105. Gather all financial/legal records in one place, keep handy.
106. Plan how to move valuables.
107. Use up (or donate) items that can't be moved (frozen foods, bleach, aerosols).
108. Make a worst-case-scenario plan (if the movers run late, etc).
109. Make sure scheduled deliveries (groceries, etc) have been cancelled and/or redirected.
110. Schedule in-home estimate.
111. Send out moving announcement.
112. If your move requires transporting your car, don't leave anything in your car! Spare tires and jacks have been known to go missing.
113. Change address for Social Security benefits within 10 days of moving.

114. Prepare a list of service technicians using our preferred providers section to have options before an emergency happens.

Phew! We're out of breath!

We hope that this is seriously the moving checklist to end all moving checklists. The Mack Daddy. The Big Kahuna. The cream of the crop. Did we miss anything? If so, please leave us a slap on the wrist and share our omission in the comment section below.

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