

MOVING CHECKLIST FOR FAMILIES

8 Weeks Before Moving:

- Create a moving binder/folder for documents and receipts
- Notify landlord (if renting)
- Research schools, child care, and pediatricians in new area
- Inventory household items
- Set a moving budget
- Schedule in-home moving quotes (if hiring movers)
- Involve kids in the moving process

6 Weeks Before Moving:

- Order moving supplies (boxes, tape, labels, etc.)
- Plan a garage sale or donate unwanted items
- Arrange school record transfers
- Talk to your kids about the move
- Check pet moving requirements (shots, travel crates)
- Start packing items you rarely use

4 Weeks Before Moving:

- Notify utility companies (gas, water, electric, internet)
- File change of address with USPS
- Begin packing non-essential rooms
- Confirm moving company or truck rental
- Schedule babysitters/pet care for moving day
- Make travel arrangements (if moving long-distance)

2 Weeks Before Moving:

- Refill prescriptions
- Pack suitcases with essentials for each family member
- Arrange child & pet care during moving day
- Label boxes by room and contents
- Confirm moving day schedule

1 Week Before Moving:

- Clean each room as it's packed
- Defrost and clean fridge/freezer
- Prepare a first-night box (snacks, toiletries, bedding, toys)
- Dispose of hazardous materials (paint, batteries, etc.)

Plan meals to use up food

Moving Day:

- Supervise movers/load truck
- Do a final walk-through of old home
- Ensure kids/pets are safe and comfortable
- Take meter readings
- Leave keys and garage openers (if required)

After the Move:

- Unpack kids' rooms first
- Register with new schools and doctors
- Update driver's license and vehicle registration
- Explore the neighborhood with the family
- Leave a review for movers (if used)