

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)