

# Moving Checklist

## Two Months Before

- Make a moving binder.
- Go through important papers & shred ones you don't need anymore.
- Organize medical records. Refill prescriptions.
- Go through closets. Donate anything you haven't worn or used in the last 2 years.
- Clean out from underneath beds. Purge!
- Sort and donate things you don't need in all areas of the house (kitchen, baths, etc.)
- Pack up things you don't use daily. (knickknacks, scrapbooks, home décor, pictures, seasonal items, etc.)
- Start using up perishable food items (food in the freezer, pantry & fridge.)
- Choose your mover & confirm your arrangements.
- Arrange for self-storage, if you'll need that during your move.
- Prepare the kids. Get them excited. Involve them in the moving process.
- Consider selling larger items that you don't plan on moving (furniture, yard toys, etc.)
- Give adequate notice to the landlord (if you're renting).

## One Month Before

- Consider having a garage sale.
- Schedule utilities to be turned on (at the new house) & off (at the old house).
- Find moving boxes.
- Stock up on packing materials (packing tape, newspaper, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Do a change of address at the post office. (This can be done online.)
- Update addresses for magazine subscriptions, bills, bank, credit card companies, etc.
- Gather important documents for school & work. Keep in a safe place.
- Update your home insurance, car insurance & health insurance as needed.
- Start packing more items (toys, extra bedding, dishes, etc.)

## Week Of

- Pack all the remaining last-minute items. Label everything.
- Pack your suitcase last.
- Pack a first day essentials box. (Things like soap, scissors, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, medicine, etc.)
- Confirm moving truck, self-storage & travel arrangements.
- Disassemble furniture. Store screws in plastic bags.
- Figure out a simple meal plan (disposable plates & cups, crock pot meals, sandwiches, eating out, etc.)
- Pay any remaining bills. Confirm that utilities are being shut off on the correct day.
- Say your goodbyes to neighbors & friends. Update family & friends with your new address & contact information.
- Return any borrowed items (library books, DVD rentals, etc.)
- Arrange for help deep cleaning your old & new house, if possible.