

PACKING TIMELINE FOR FAMILIES



MOVING CHECKLIST - PAGE 1

6–8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Declutter room by room
- Gather packing supplies
- Start with storage spaces
- Use up pantry/freezer food
- Notify schools for records
- Get moving company quotes
- Collect free boxes
- Photograph valuables for insurance
- Create a moving binder/folder

4–5 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Pack seasonal/rarely used items
- Pack guest rooms & extra bedding
- Label boxes by room
- Book movers or truck rental
- Arrange pet care for moving day
- Schedule time off work
- Research new neighborhood (schools, doctors, vets)
- Use up cleaning supplies & liquids

3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Pack non-essentials (books, décor, toys)
- Organize important documents
- Notify utilities & schedule transfers
- Confirm movers/truck rental
- Arrange USPS mail forwarding
- Update address (bank, credit cards, insurance, employer)
- Book cleaning service (optional)
- Plan simple meals for moving week

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MOVING CHECKLIST - PAGE 2

2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Pack less-used kitchen items
- Wash/pack spare linens
- Pack garage & outdoor gear
- File USPS change of address
- Confirm elevator reservations (if needed)
- Pack “first day” box (toilet paper, soap, tools, towels)
- Back up computer files

1 WEEK BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Pack off-season & extra clothes
- Keep out a “moving week capsule” wardrobe
- Disassemble furniture not needed
- Clean out fridge & freezer
- Pack most kids’ toys (leave favorites)
- Withdraw cash for tips/expenses
- Charge all devices
- Prep cooler with snacks & drinks

2–3 DAYS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Pack Essentials Box (toiletries, bedding, kitchen basics, cleaning supplies)
- Pack Pet Bag (food, bowls, leashes, litter, comfort items)
- Keep valuables & important papers with you
- Defrost fridge/freezer (if moving them)

MOVING DAY

- Strip beds & pack bedding
- Do final walkthrough (rooms, closets, cabinets)
- Keep snacks, water & kids’ entertainment handy
- Lock windows & doors before leaving