

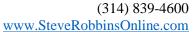
Moving Checklist

8 weeks before	8 weeks before	
Researc	h moving companies with the Better Business Bureau and get recommendations from	
friends	and family who have recently moved.	
Learn a	bout your rights and responsibilities as you prepare to work with a moving company	
from the	e U.S. Department of Transportation.	
Conside	er extra insurance coverage you may need for your move. Ask prospective moving	
compan	ies what insurance is included and check your homeowners' policy to see what it	
covers.		
If you a	re moving to a new area, research banks, doctors, and schools. Gather all the proper	
paperw	ork you need to set up new accounts.	

7 weel	7 weeks before	
	Get estimates in writing from at least three licensed moving companies. If possible, have an	
	estimator come to your home to do an inventory.	
	Start a binder or folder where you can keep all of your moving estimates and moving-related	
	paperwork.	
	Make a list of businesses you will need to contact to change your address. Don't forget to list	
	your online accounts, too.	

6 wee	6 weeks before	
	Get the packing process started by assessing your closets and donating clothing that doesn't fit	
	or you no longer want. When the closets are done, start to assess items room by room.	
	Do a first round of donations of unwanted goods to charity, sell items online, or have a garage	
	sale to help pay for your move.	
	If you have children, work with the current and future school to transfer school records and	
	make plans for a smooth transition.	
	Begin packing items that aren't used frequently. Seasonal items, rarely used gadgets, and	
	items stored in the attic or basement are a good place to start.	

5 wee	weeks before	
	Use up food from the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry. Refrain from buying too many	
	groceries, especially bulk orders, from here on out.	
	Get the word out to friends and family members that you're moving. Send them your new	
	address or send a moving announcement through email.	
	Purchase moving supplies including boxes, packing material, tape, labels, and box cutters.	
	Remember to order specialty items like dish boxes, wardrobe boxes, and mattress bags if your	
	mover is not supplying them.	
	Get a box-labeling system in place. Numbered boxes, color-coding by room, and a master list	
	with inventory are key elements.	
	Make a room-by-room packing schedule and start packing!	





4 week	4 weeks before		
	Fill out an official change-of-address form with the U.S. Post Office.		
	Consult your list of businesses and services and make address changes on all relevant		
	accounts.		
	Put in for vacation time at your job for the days surrounding your move and schedule a		
	babysitter if necessary.		
	Confirm major details, especially insurance coverage, with your mover.		

3 weel	3 weeks before	
	Cancel all newspaper home delivery and set up delivery in your new neighborhood.	
	Gather valuable paperwork, jewelry, and small family heirlooms. Keep these special items	
	separate from your moving boxes and make a plan for transporting them by hand or via a	
	trackable shipping service with insurance.	
	Take photos of any high-ticket items. Note any existing scratches, dings, or damage to your	
	furniture.	

2 weeks before	
Pack little by little so that you don't save it all for the last week.	
Tie up loose ends: Confirm that you've changed addresses, have all the proper moving	
insurance in place, and are ready to make your move.	
Put together a packet for the new owners of your home with any warranties, vendor	
recommendations, and a note with your contact information in case they have questions or	
need to forward your mail.	
If you are moving major appliances, make sure that they're clean and ready to go. Remember:	
Freezers need to be defrosted and you may need a professional to disconnect gas lines on	
particular appliances.	
Fill prescriptions and make sure that everyone has packed medications they need in their	
suitcase.	
Withdraw cash to tip the movers and make sure you have enough money on hand for any	
unexpected expenses.	

1 week before	
Utilities should be turned off in your current home one day after your move-out date. All	
utilities in your new home should be turned on the day before you move in.	
Dispose of all flammable items that can't be transported, including paint, chemicals, and	
aerosol cans.	
Take one last look at the items you're packing. If you have additional items to donate,	
schedule a pickup by your chosen organization.	
Back up all computers, if packing.	
Get each family member to pack a suitcase like they are going on a two-week vacation with	
their daily toiletries and comfortable clothes.	
Confirm details with your moving company, including the moving-day arrival time, cell	
phone numbers, and last-minute details.	
Hire a cleaning company to do a quick clean after the movers leave or schedule a day that you	
will come back to clean before the new owners arrive.	
Most importantly, celebrate the memories you've made in your home and get ready to start a	
new chapter in your life. Onward and upward!	