



Timelines and Tips to Make Your New Move a Little Smoother

8 Weeks Before Your Move

- Create a digital moving folder of all moving paperwork related to your move by taking photos of estimates, receipts, etc
- Create a budget for moving expenses to help you determine if you will use movers or make it a DIY (get several estimates from companies to compare)
- Schedule movers if using or reserve a truck
- Notify your children's school of the move and request school records
- Purge and plan a yard sale or donate items you don't want

6 Weeks Before Your Move

- Start collecting boxes and moving supplies (ask friends, your office, grocery stores, etc)
- Create an inventory of valuable and fragile items
- Take photos of all electronics and how they are connected
- If you are moving cross-country, have your vehicles serviced
- Begin packing items you don't use often
- Arrange for homeowners insurance
- Store important documents such as birth certificates, medical records, legal and financial papers in a safe place that will not get lost in the move
- Make a plan for moving plants and pets
- Measure furniture and come up with a plan on where you want everything in the new home



4 Weeks Before Your Move

- Schedule utility shut-off at current home and schedule service at new home
- Arrange times for cable and internet providers to come and install
- If you are moving long distance, plan your route and book hotels
- Start using up items that cannot be moved such as frozen foods, bleach, aerosols
- Back up your computers in case anything happens during the move

2 Weeks Before Your Move

- Return borrowed items to friends, neighbors, library, etc
- Cancel or transfer any local memberships you have (gym, yoga, dance, etc)
- Complete change-of-address form at the post office or online
- Change your address on your bank accounts, credit cards, driver's license, vehicle/voter registration, Amazon, insurance, magazines, subscription boxes, etc
- Transfer prescriptions if necessary
- Clean outdoor furniture before it's moved

The Week You Move

- Empty and defrost refrigerator, donate any food you can to neighbors or friends
- Clean your current living space
- Drain water hoses to washing machine
- Empty oil and gas from lawn mowers
- Pack an essentials box of everything you will need the first 24 hours in your new home (think toiletries, some basic kitchen items, a shower curtain, etc)

Moving Day

- Clean your new home (cabinets, bathrooms, refrigerator, etc) before you unpack
- Change the locks to outside doors and make copies
- Check smoke detectors and replace batteries, if needed
- Find and store manuals for the home's appliances and systems
- Start unpacking
- Meet your neighbors
- Enjoy your new home!