

# 6 Weeks Before

## Your Moving Checklist

# What to Do

### WHAT TO DO

- Start talking to your children about the move so they are not anxious.
- If you are an active service member, decide whether you want to make a DIY move, or have the government handle everything for you.
- If using a moving company, call and get estimates and choose a company.
- If you are moving yourself and need moving trucks, call now to book the truck. If you wait you will risk not having an available truck.
- Pick an afternoon or evening for everyone in the family to go through their clothes.
- Make piles of clothes to toss, to give to charity, and keep.
- Create an inventory of everything to be moved.
- Collect everything that is not to be moved and have a garage sale or donate to charity. (Charitable donations are tax deductible so save the receipts)
- Get boxes and start packing!
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Moving Companies:

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Estimates:

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# 4 Weeks Before

## WHAT TO DO

- Notify any mail subscriptions of a change of address.
- Check out your new community if you are not familiar with it; use the Internet to locate all of the stores and places you use in your current community.
- Get children's school records. Find the schools your children will go to and make arrangements for them & look into new daycare, should you require it.
- Collect everything from neighbors or friends that you have lent out and return every thing you have borrowed.
- Check with your veterinarian for pet records. If your pets are micro chipped, notify the chip company of new address and phone numbers. If you are traveling to your new location, give them cell numbers and have them post notes that you are in transit in case the pets escape during the move.
- Stop shopping online so you don't have packages delivered that won't make it before you move.
- Set up a disconnect date with the utility companies; make sure they have your new address so they can send you a final statement or deposit refund if its due.
- Service power mowers, boats etc., drain all gas/oil to prevent spills and/or fires when moving.
- Check with doctors and dentists for all family records and prescriptions.
- Check freezer and use all the food you can use until you move. Check your pantry for expired canned items or items almost empty. Toss what you don't want to take with you.
- If you have a safe deposit box and are moving out of the area, remove your contents so you can take them with you.
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# 1 Week Before

## WHAT TO DO

- Handle your banking needs, close accounts if needed etc.
- Change your address online at USPS.com
- If moving long distance have your car serviced and fill all fluids.
- Request a change of address from the post office.
- Dispose of combustibles and spray cans as they can explode, especially if moving in the heat.
- Finish packing and don't forget to mark the boxes.
- Cancel newspaper and garden services.
- Don't forget your pets; make any arrangements to ensure their safety in the move.
- Review the entire list to make sure you have not overlooked anything.
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# Moving Day

## WHAT TO DO

- Have small children stay with friends or family as children will slow the process and get bored.
  - Make a final check of the entire house including closets, shelves, attic, garage, every room.
  - Make sure the movers have your correct new address and they know how to get there.
  - Exchange cell phone numbers with the driver.
  - Moving does take a lot of time and energy and can be a stressful experience for everyone in the family. Be sure to plan ahead and remember that moving affects everyone in the family so everyone needs to be considerate and mindful of each other's feelings.
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