

The Guru's Ultimate Packing Checklist

Two Months Before Your Move:

- Prepare a Budget
- Book a Mover
- Confirm Insurance Coverage
- Request Time Off for Moving Day
- Contact Your Child's School
- Plan for Special Items
- Inventory Your Valuables
- Declutter Your Closet

One Month Before Your Move

- Organize School Records
- Use It or Lose It (decide items to move or discard)
- Take Measurements
- Inventory Electronics
- Order Moving Supplies
- Plan for Painters and Repairs
- Schedule Elevator Time
- Service Your Vehicle
- Create a Packing Schedule
- Book Storage

Three Weeks Before Your Move

- Change Your Address
- Notify Friends and Family
- Inform Important Parties
- Forward Medical Records
- Arrange for Pet Boarding/Babysitter
- Confirm Parking
- Gather Important Documents
- Notify Your HOA (Homeowners Association)
- Book Professional Cleaners

Two Weeks Before Your Move

- Begin Packing
- Prepare an Essentials Bag (or Box)
- Back-Up Your Computer
- Secure Valuables in a Safe Box
- Get Antiques Appraised
- Label Everything Clearly
- Fix Minor Repairs

One Week Before Your Move

- Refill Prescriptions
- Pack Your Suitcase/Emergency Bag
- Clear Out Your Safe or Safety Deposit Box
- Avoid Grocery Shopping
- Prepare Washer and Dryer
- Set Up Trash Removal
- Empty the Attic

Last Few Days Before Your Move

- Defrost the Freezer
- Empty the Refrigerator
- Plan for Payment
- Prepare for Cable and Internet Setup
- Handle Mattress and Bed Skirt with Care
- Remove Light Bulbs from Lamps
- Plan Furniture Placement
- Clean and Dust Furniture and Rugs
- Dispose of Hazardous Materials
- Empty Fuel Tanks
- Clean Outdoor Furniture
- Schedule Your Final Walkthrough

On Moving Day

- Get Up Early
- Prepare a Simple Meal or Order Take-Out
- Be Ready for the Movers
- Protect Your Property
- Begin Cleaning Early
- Conduct a Final Walkthrough

A Few Days After Moving Day

- Begin Unpacking
- Check Safety Features
- Secure Your Home
- Familiarize Yourself with the Area
- Get to Know Your New Home
- Review HOA Rules
- Meet Your Neighbors
- Host a Housewarming Party
- Take Time to Relax!