

A to Z Checklist

- Arrange for movers:** If you're planning on hiring professionals for your move, get quotes from multiple moving companies and compare prices and services.

PACKEZE QUICK TIP:

If you're moving during summer, you should select your mover at least two to three months in advance. This will give you plenty of time to compare quotes from multiple companies, get your belongings packed and ready to go, and avoid any last-minute stress.

Here are some tips for scheduling professional movers:

- Get quotes from multiple companies.
- Ask about the company's experience, insurance coverage, and reputation.
- Be clear about your moving needs and budget.
- Get everything in writing, including the moving date, price, and services that will be provided.

Once you have booked your movers, follow up with them regularly to confirm the move date and any other details.

- Appraisals:** If you have any valuable items, such as artwork, antiques, or jewelry, have them appraised before moving. This will help you to get them insured properly and to track their value in case of damage or loss.
- Boxes:** Head over to [PacKeze.com](https://www.packeze.com) and order your moving boxes, quick and easy. And, remember, we deliver straight to you so there's no need to carve out time during your hectic moving schedule to run out and get them!
- Break down large furniture:** Disassemble any large furniture that you are moving yourself. This will make it easier to transport and less likely to get damaged.
- Cancel utilities:** Contact your utility companies to cancel your service at your old address and to schedule service to be turned on at your new address.
- Clean your home:** Give your home a thorough cleaning before you move. This will make it easier to move in and will also help to ensure that you get your security deposit back.

- Declutter:** Go through your belongings and get rid of anything that you don't need or use. This will make packing and moving much easier.
Documents: Pack up all of your important documents, such as birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, and financial records. Keep these documents in a safe place, such as a fireproof safe.
- Electrical appliances:** For smaller appliances like microwaves and blenders, clean each appliance thoroughly. If you are moving a microwave, you should remove the turntable and wrap it separately. You should also tape the door shut to prevent it from opening during the move.
Equipment: If you are moving large appliances, be sure you have a furniture dolly and appliance straps on hand.
- Essentials:** Pack a special "go box" for the day of your move – and keep it with you instead of packing it on the truck. This bag should contain essential items, such as identification documents, medications, toiletries, snacks and drinks, phone chargers, cash, and tools. You may also want to include items such as a laptop or tablet, books or magazines, toys or games for kids, pet supplies, and valuables.
- Fragile items:** Pack fragile items, such as dishes, glassware, and electronics, in specially designed boxes. Wrap each item individually in bubble wrap or packing paper before placing it in the box.
Food: Eat or donate any food that you won't be able to take with you.
- Garage:** Clean out your garage and pack up any items that you are taking with you.
Groceries: Stock up on groceries for the first few days after you move in.
- Homeowner's insurance:** Call your insurance broker and review your policy coverage for your new home; update as necessary. Make sure that your homeowner's insurance policy covers your belongings during the move.
Household items: Pack up all of your household items, such as clothes, bedding, towels, and dishes.
- Inventory:** Create an inventory of all of your belongings. This will help you to keep track of everything and to make sure that you have everything when you unpack.
- Junk removal:** Hire a junk removal company to remove any unwanted items from your home.
- Keys:** Get copies of your new house keys made.
- Labels:** Label all of your boxes clearly with the contents and the destination room.
- Large appliances:** Assess what appliances you are taking and the ones you are leaving behind. Here are tips for the ones you're taking:
 - Refrigerator, freezer, or dishwasher: empty the water reservoir and allow the appliance to defrost completely before moving it. This will help to prevent leaks and damage to the appliance.
 - Washer or dryer: remove the hoses and wrap them separately. You should also tape the doors shut to prevent them from opening during the move.

Stove: disconnect the gas or electric supply line. You should also remove the oven racks and wrap them separately.

Use appliance straps or moving dollies for all of the above to prevent injuries. It will also help prevent the appliance from tipping over during loading and unloading.

Moving blankets: Be sure to have plenty of moving blankets on hand. A moving blanket is a heavy-duty cloth covering that is used to protect furniture and other items during a move. Moving blankets are typically made of a blend of cotton and polyester, and they are quilted to provide extra cushioning. Moving blankets are available in a variety of sizes, so you can choose the right size for your needs.

If you are on a budget – or just don't want to incur additional expenses – here are a few options you can use instead of moving blankets:

- Old blankets and towels: Old blankets and towels can be used to wrap furniture and other items. They are not as durable as moving blankets, but they can be a cost-effective option.
- Cardboard boxes: Cardboard boxes can be used to wrap fragile items, such as dishes and electronics.
- Packing paper: Packing paper can be used to wrap fragile items and to fill in empty spaces in boxes.
- Bubble wrap: Bubble wrap can be used to protect items from scratches and bumps.
- Shrink wrap: Shrink wrap can be used to wrap furniture and other large items.

Moving truck: Book your moving truck and schedule a delivery date.

Neighbors: Let your neighbors know that you are moving. Once you're settled into your new place, make an effort to meet your new ones – if you're so inclined!

Packing materials: Go to [Packeze.com](https://packeze.com) to purchase packing materials, such as boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and more.

Pets:

- Make arrangements for your pets during the move.
- Find a new vet if you are moving too far away from your old one. Be sure to arrange to have your pet's medical records transferred, including any prescriptions.

Post office: Before you move, you should visit the post office to take care of a few important tasks. Here is a checklist:

Change your address. You can do this online or by filling out a change-of-address form at the post office. Be sure to give the post office your new address at least two weeks before your move.

Forward your mail. This will ensure that your mail is forwarded to your new address for up to 12 months. You can forward your mail online or by filling out a mail forwarding form at the post office.

Cancel your mail forwarding. If you need to cancel your mail forwarding before the 12-month period is up, you can do so online or by calling the post office.

Request a change of address confirmation. This will give you a record of your change of address and the dates that your mail was forwarded. You can request a change of address confirmation online or by calling the post office.

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It's a good idea to keep a list of all of the organizations that you need to notify of your address change. This will help you to ensure that you don't miss anyone. You can also use a change-of-address service to notify multiple organizations at once.

- Utilities:** Set up utilities at your new address.
- Valuables:** Pack up your valuables and keep them in a safe place, such as a fireproof safe or a safety deposit box.
- Weather:** Check the weather forecast for the day of your move and be prepared for any potential delays.
- X marks the spot:** Drop a pin at your new home address and share with friends and family.
- Yard sale:** Have a yard sale to sell any unwanted items that you don't want to pack up and move.
- Zip code:** Pop your new zip code into a maps app to explore your new neighborhood. What's nearby? Zoom in on nearby grocery stores, restaurants, shopping, parks, and schools.