

Morningstar Storage's Comprehensive Moving List

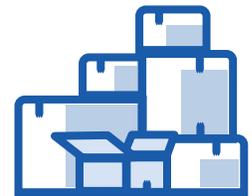
Because moving is just another part of life.

In Your Current Home:

- Make any minor home repairs or have a maintenance person attend to them before moving.
- Invite friends and family over for a final get-together.
- Clean out appliances that will be staying in the home such as the refrigerator, oven, etc.
- Unplug the fridge and freezer to defrost the night before the move.
- Drain water hoses in your washing machine and ice maker to avoid any accidents.
- Do a final sweep of the home to make sure you didn't forget anything in the closets or shelves.
- Take a family photo outside of the home right before you leave. It's a memory you won't want to forget.
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Packing Preparation:

- Gather all necessary packing supplies.
- Find free boxes from local businesses or online.
- Plan a yard or garage sale.
- Set aside things to donate.
- Plan how to carefully transport fragile or unusual items.
- Label all boxes carefully according to where things will go in your new home.
- Create an exhaustive inventory list for valuable items.
- Use mattress and furniture covers to protect your fabric items.
- Mark fragile items clearly.
- Take photos of all electronic setups before unplugging and packing them.
- Store hardware and cables in sandwich baggies to make sure you don't lose anything.
- Use clothing, towels, and bedding as extra packing supplies for large or unusually shaped objects.
- Pack a little every single day to avoid being overwhelmed at the last minute.
- Use as many perishable items in your meals during the week leading up to the big move to avoid waste.
- Pack an essentials box with everything your family will need during the first 24 hours in the new home.
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In Your New Neighborhood

- Choose a school for your children.
- Find new healthcare providers and establish primary care.
- Find a new veterinarian for your pets.
- Begin meeting the neighbors and getting involved in your local community.
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Administrative Tasks:

- Create a budget spreadsheet to track expenses and costs.
- Keep all receipts and bills that come up during the move.
- Schedule time off with work to make the move.
- Request school transcripts to enroll your child(ren) in their new school.
- Request vet records, update vaccinations, and get pet medicine before moving.
- Get your vehicles serviced ahead of the move.
- Notify your homeowners or renters insurance company about the upcoming move.
- Find new cable, internet, electric, water and sewer, and energy providers for your new home, and cancel services to your old address.
- Update your voter registration and driver's license within 90 days of moving.
- Cancel subscriptions and memberships to local businesses if you're moving out of the area.
- Fill your prescriptions a final time before the move to avoid any issues.
- Create a list of emergency service providers for easy access. (Hint: be sure to include electricians and plumbers on this list.)
- Setup mail forwarding service.
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Moving Process

- Get at least three moving company estimates or schedule pickup for a moving truck.
- Make sure your moving company is licensed and insured - and read all paperwork carefully before signing.
- Decide how you're going to transport personal vehicles to your new home.
- Consider purchasing moving insurance to cover your belongings while in transit. This is especially important if you plan to use a moving company who could accidentally damage your belongings.
- Get a self storage unit to hold items you don't have room for in your new home.
- Confirm parking location for the moving truck in your new neighborhood.
- Find somewhere safe for children and pets to go on moving day.
- Get cash to tip your movers - or schedule a pizza delivery as a thank you to your friends and family for their help with the move!
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In Your New Home:

- Measure doorways, stairways, and elevators so you know how furniture and appliances will fit.
- Schedule cleaners, painters, and repair people to come in and get things done ahead of your move-in date.
- Setup trash removal and recycling services.
- Go grocery shopping to help get settled in at home.
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