



The Relocation.com Checklist for Your Move

This is not intended as a comprehensive checklist of tasks for your move; look for that in the Moving Guide on Relocation.com. Rather, just print it out and keep it in a highly visible place over the next couple months to serve as an occasional reminder of the big things you must accomplish before your move.

1. Find a **moving company** to handle your move

- Ask for referrals, or get a free quote from Relocation.com
- After an initial screen, have at least 3 companies give you in-home estimates
- Do a background check: check registration, insurance, and Better Business Bureau records
- Choose your moving company

2. Tell the **family** about the move

- Be ready for anxiety if moving with children
- Involve your family members in the moving process
- If practical, consider a visit to your new hometown
- Make arrangements for getting the family to the new home

3. If you're packing yourself, set a **packing plan**

- Set aside a room in your house as 'packing central'
- Buy moving boxes and packing material
- Start getting rid of stuff you don't need
- Identify in what order you'll tackle the rooms to be packed
- Identify a color code for the boxes to help the movers put them in the right rooms in your new home
- Identify items you will bring with you and not with the movers, like high-value items and valuable paperwork
- Get a head start by packing nonessential things first

4. Get your **paperwork** in order

- Transfer medical and school records
- Investigate new homeowners and auto insurance policies
- Forward your mail
- Set up utilities at the new home

5. Moving with **pets**

- Take care of any upcoming shots schedules
- Arrange transport, including purchase of any animal carriers
- Keep to a routine as much as possible as you approach moving day