



# MOVING TIPS & CHECKLISTS

Keep Your Move Stress Free



# PACKING TIPS

## YOU MIGHT NEED:

- Cardboard boxes (various sizes)
- Packing tape or dispensers
- Bubble wrap or packing paper
- Packing peanuts or foam padding
- Box cutter or scissors
- Labels and markers
- Moving Blankets
- Plastic or stretch wrap
- Ziplock bags (for small items)
- Furniture and mattress covers
- Wardrobe boxes
- Trash bags (for packing soft items)
- Toolset for disassembling furniture
- Moving dolly / hand truck

- Begin packing non-essential items well in advance.
- Donate, sell, or dispose of items you no longer need.
- Keep an inventory. Document the condition of items for insurance purposes.
- Use small boxes for heavy items like books or dishes to prevent them from becoming too heavy to lift.
- Avoid overfilling boxes to where they become too heavy or risk bursting.
- Create an "open first" box with essentials like toiletries, a change of clothes, and important documents.
- Wrap fragile items like glassware and china individually in packing paper or bubble wrap. Use ample padding to cushion them within the box.
- If you're moving during a season with different weather conditions, pack your items accordingly. Keep essentials like coats, umbrellas, or fans accessible.
- When disassembling electronics, label or color code each cable and cord to make reassembly easier.
- Keep important documents such as passports, birth certificates, and financial records in a separate box.
- Utilize your suitcases, backpacks, and travel bags to pack clothes and personal items.
- Pack one room at a time. Label each box clearly with the room.
- Place all screws, bolts, and hardware for furniture items in a clearly labeled bag. Attach this bag to the item.
- Protect valuable artwork and mirrors with special picture boxes or crates.
- Take photos of valuable or sentimental items before packing them.
- Seal liquids tightly in plastic bags or containers with secure lids to prevent leaks during transport.
- Properly dispose of hazardous materials like chemicals, paint, or propane tanks.
- Pack heavy items at the bottom of boxes.
- Empty and defrost the refrigerator and freezer 24 hours before moving.
- Take pictures of electronic setups before disassembling for easy reassembly.

# MOVING DAY CHECKLIST

## MORNING OF

- Wake Up Early. Start your day with a good night's sleep and an early wake-up call to ensure you have enough time to complete tasks.
- Verify the weather forecast to prepare for any unexpected conditions.
- Ensure your "Open First" or "Essentials" box is easily accessible and contains items like toiletries, a change of clothes, important documents, snacks, etc.
- Contact your moving company to confirm the arrival time of the movers and ensure all logistics are in order.
- Charge your cell phone and any other electronic devices you'll need throughout the day.

## DURING

- Be present or have a trusted representative available to oversee the moving process, provide directions, and answer questions.
- Lay down protective coverings or cardboard on your floors to prevent damage from foot traffic and heavy objects.
- Place clearly labeled signs or notes on each room's door to guide movers on where to place boxes and furniture.
- Use your previously created inventory list to check off items as they are loaded onto the moving truck.
- Carry important documents, jewelry, and small valuables with you rather than packing them on the truck.
- Ensure cabinets, closets, and rooms are empty before locking up your home.

## AFTER

- Inspect your new home to ensure everything is in order and there are no issues or damage.
- Guide the movers on where to place furniture and boxes in your new home, referring to your room labels.
- Examine your belongings for any damage or missing items as they are unloaded. Report any issues to the moving company.
- Start by unpacking your "Essentials" box to have immediate access to essential items for your first night in your new home.
- Confirm that utilities (electricity, water, gas) are functioning in your new home. Set up any necessary appointments for installations or changes.
- Begin the process of updating your address with relevant entities, such as the post office, banks, and subscriptions.
- Break down and dispose of empty boxes and packing materials responsibly or recycle them.