

PREPARING YOUR FIRST HOME: Essential Pre-Move Tips



2-3 Months Before Moving:

- Research moving companies and obtain quotes.
- Gather packing supplies such as boxes, tape and bubble wrap.
- Begin packing nonessentials, labeling boxes.
- Declutter and donate or discard items.
- Create an inventory of belongings for insurance purposes.
- Dispose of hazardous materials safely (paints, chemicals, etc.).
- Shop for furniture for the new home.

6 Weeks Before Moving:

- Arrange utility connections and schedule inspections.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, replace batteries.
- Schedule appliance inspections.
- Plan childproofing and pet-proofing measures.
- Gather important documents such as passports, medical records, etc.
- Notify schools or educational institutions about the upcoming move.

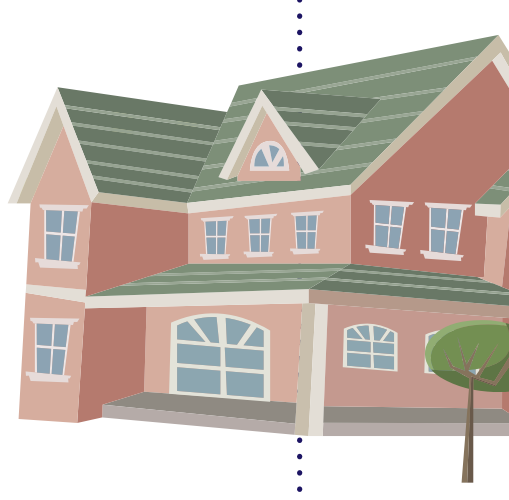


4 Weeks Before Moving:

- Update your address with work, doctors and other necessary parties.
- Redirect mail to the new address.
- Research local schools, health care and amenities.
- Arrange storage for items not immediately needed.
- Transfer prescriptions to a closer pharmacy if applicable.
- Draw up a floor plan for the new home to facilitate furniture placement.

3 Weeks Before Moving:

- Confirm arrangements with movers or helpers.
- Explore the new neighborhood online or in person.
- Book childcare or pet care on moving day.
- Set aside valuables and important documents to transport personally.
- Schedule a walkthrough of the old property, if needed.
- Prepare specific relocation instructions for any specialty or fragile items.
- Notify friends and family of your new address/contact information.



1-2 Weeks Before Moving:

- Conduct final walkthrough for repairs or cleaning.
- Locate fuse box and water valve for emergencies.
- Deep clean the new house or hire professionals.
- Pack a survival kit for immediate use upon arrival.
- Verify utility activation/transfer dates.
- Plan for the disposal of perishable items in the kitchen.
- Coordinate the transportation of vehicles if necessary.
- Select new paint colors and consider using professional painters.

1-2 Days Before Moving:

- Reconfirm details with movers or helpers.
- Pack a separate bag for first night essentials.
- Childproof and pet-proof the new home.
- Change exterior door locks for security and make a spare key.
- Complete any last-minute packing and label boxes clearly.
- Take pictures of electronic setups to facilitate reassembly.
- Create a small toolkit for any necessary assembly or adjustments.
- Clean the old house or schedule service after moving day.



Moving Day:

- Supervise movers and direct placement of items.
- Perform a final walkthrough of old home.
- Provide clear instructions and handling requirements for fragile items.
- Keep important documents, medications and valuables with you during the move.
- Arrive early at new home to oversee unloading.
- Unpack essentials and familiarize with new surroundings.
- Keep a list of unpacked boxes and their contents for reference.
- Dispose of packing materials responsibly.
- Enjoy life in your new home!
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