



Moving Checklist

11 or More Weeks Before You Move

- Ask your REALTOR how you will receive the keys to your new home and the time when it is appropriate for you to enter.
 - If you have your heart set on a renovation at your new home, getting it done before you move in is ideal. You may need to order renovation materials in advance of your move so the work can begin as soon as you have possession.
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9 to 10 Weeks Before Moving

- If needed, book time off from work for moving day.
 - Make any travel arrangements and reservations needed.
 - If you have children, contact the new school and arrange to transfer records and register.
 - Make arrangements for child minding and pet sitting if needed.
 - Return any items you may have borrowed and retrieve loaned items.
 - If the oven needs cleaning, now is a good time to do it.
 - If you're packing yourself, start with any seasonal items you won't need in the immediate future.
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6 to 8 Weeks Before Moving

- Identify any large items that will need to be donated to charity or taken to the landfill.
 - Identify any hazardous items that require special disposal or recycling. Old paint, fluorescent light bulbs, old electronics, dangerous cleaners, batteries, and other items are on this list, but your municipality's website should have the full details.
 - If you have kids, make sure they understand what's happening and when. Small children may benefit from extra consideration, like stories about moving at story time, or play activities that include the idea of moving. If possible take them to visit your new home.
 - Contact your doctor, dentist, and veterinarian and get copies of all records, and arrange to transfer files to the new health care providers.
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4 to 6 Weeks Before Moving



- Contact Canada Post and arrange for mail forwarding to your new address.
 - Purchase your moving boxes and other supplies, if needed.
 - Contact your insurance provider and update or transfer your homeowner's insurance, vehicle insurance, and any other policies you may have.
 - Get your health card address information updated.
 - Arrange to update your driver's license and license plates.
 - If your new home involves elevator access, book the freight elevator.
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2 to 3 Weeks Before Moving

- Arrange for all essential utilities like gas, electricity, water, and internet services at your new home. Mention the date that the services at your old home should be disconnected and if possible have your provider transfer the account over.
 - Provide your new information to the Canada Revenue Agency.
 - Return any cable TV equipment.
 - Arrange phone service at your new home, and cancel your current service.
 - Arrange internet service at your new home and cancel your current service.
 - Transfer any magazine subscriptions.
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The Week Before Moving Day

- Provide your employer with any updated contact information.
- Confirm all arrangements with your moving company.
- Set aside everything you'll need for your personal kit on moving day. This will include essential jewelry and paperwork. Don't forget your toothbrush and toothpaste – and an alarm clock!
- If you're travelling by plane, bus or train, find out what you can bring with you.
- Set aside everything you'll need for moving day night (for showering and sleeping – including your bed and linens) in a special area. These items should go in the van last so that they come out first (or taken with you in your vehicle).
- Set aside everything you'll need for the morning after moving day – coffee maker, and any cooking equipment you'll need to get going the day after.
- Clean out your fridge and give away or dispose of anything you can't move. Treat yourself to a few days' worth of take-out for easy clean up.
- Empty and defrost freezer and refrigerator.



- Organize any keys and make sure they're labelled.
 - Set out manuals for any appliances you're leaving behind. Place them somewhere the new owner will spot them quickly, like the kitchen counter.
 - Disconnect any electronics and keep all cables, adapters and other hardware organized and handy so that you can reconnect everything easily. Labelled freezer bags taped to the units can save a lot of time.
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The Day Before Your Move

- Take down and pack window treatments.
 - Clean the stove top.
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Moving Day

- Make sure you have a great breakfast – you're going to need it.
- Have any paperwork you need today handy
- Remove linen from beds and pack, along with any towels left.
- Dismantle beds as much as possible.
- Put any keys you're leaving for the new resident in an obvious place.
- Do any final cleaning touch ups. A clean space with all garbage is removed is one of the nicest housewarming gifts you can give to the new resident.
- Do a final check of closets, the basement, and other areas where things may have been forgotten.
- If you've been renting, your former landlord may want to do a walk-through inspection with you.
- Discuss your inventory and do the walk about with the moving supervisor.

****Adapted from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Moving Checklist****