

# ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST FROM HOMELOVE MOVERS



# MOVING TIMELINE

Moving involves many moving parts - from booking movers to setting up your new space. To avoid last-minute stress, follow this time-based checklist. It breaks everything into manageable phases, so you can feel prepared and confident from day one.

## 4 Weeks Before Moving – *Start early, build momentum*

- Book a licensed mover (in-home or virtual survey)
- Reserve elevators & parking at both locations
- Inventory belongings and declutter by room
- Buy packing supplies (boxes, tape, labels, wrap)
- Notify landlord & request time off work
- Start using frozen and pantry food
- Create a moving binder for quotes & contacts

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## 2 Weeks Before Moving – *Secure logistics and finalize details*

- Pack non-essentials & seasonal items
- Label boxes by room and contents
- Update address (USPS & online accounts)
- Transfer utilities & services
- Arrange childcare or pet care
- Disassemble large furniture
- Confirm mover insurance & valuation coverage

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## 1 Week Before Moving – Get ready to go

- Confirm moving date & time
- Pack a first-night essentials box
- Defrost freezer & clean appliances
- Back up files & scan key documents
- Set aside cash for tips & emergencies
- Complete final walk-through checklist

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## After The Move – Welcome home!

- Activate and test utilities
- Inspect items for damage
- Direct boxes by room
- Unpack priority rooms first
- Reassemble furniture & essentials
- Test safety features & appliances
- Break down boxes or schedule removal
- Update driver's license & voter registration

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# WHO TO NOTIFY WHEN YOU MOVE

Make sure these individuals, service providers, and agencies have your updated address to avoid disruptions.

## Personal

- Friends & Family
- Employer (HR/payroll)
- Schools & daycare providers

## Service Providers

- Internet/cable / TV provider
- Gas, electric, and water utilities
- Trash & recycling services
- Lawn care or cleaning services

## Financial & Legal

- Banks & credit unions
- Credit card issuers
- Loan providers (mortgage, auto, student)
- Insurance companies (homeowners, auto, renters, health)
- Financial advisor or CPA
- Attorney or legal rep

## Government Agencies

- USPS (mail forwarding)
- DMV (driver's license and vehicle registration)
- IRS or tax authority
- Voter registration office
- Social Security Administration



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# TAKE A HOME INVENTORY

Creating a home inventory will help protect your belongings, streamline your unpacking, and support insurance claims if needed.

## How To Create Your Inventory

- List items by room
- Record item condition, brand, model, and value
- Photograph high-value items
- Save receipts when possible

## Inventory By Room

### Kitchen + Laundry

- Refrigerator
- Stove / Oven
- Microwave
- Dishwasher
- Washer & Dryer
- Dishes, utensils, pans
- Small appliances (toaster, blender, kettle)

### Living Room

- TV (brand, size, model)
- Couch (condition, material)
- Coffee table
- Lamps
- Wall art and décor
- Sound system or speakers

## Bathroom(s)

- Towels & linens
- Hair tools (dryer, straightener)
- Toiletries and skincare
- First aid kit and medications

## Bedrooms

- Mattress & bed frame
- Nightstands and dressers
- Lamps and wall art
- Jewelry boxes and safes
- Clothes, shoes, accessories
- Electronics (alarm clocks, chargers)

## Office / Workspace

- Desk and chair
- Laptop/desktop/monitor
- Printer/scanner
- Files and documents
- Office supplies
- Modem/router
- Surge protectors, webcams

## Garage or Shed

- Tool chest and tools
- Lawn equipment
- Sports gear and bikes
- Paint, chemicals (sealed)
- Ladders and extension cords
- Car accessories (jack, jumper cables)

## Storage Units / Closets

- Luggage and travel gear
- Extra bedding or linens
- Seasonal clothing
- Keepsake boxes, photos
- Gift wrap and décor
- Baby items
- Emergency kits (flashlights, batteries, first aid)

# FIRST-NIGHT TIPS: SETTLING INTO YOUR NEW HOME

After weeks of planning, packing, and organizing, you've finally arrived. The first night in a new place is often a mix of excitement, exhaustion, and adjustment. At HomeLove, we believe your first night should feel like a welcome, not more work.

Here's how to settle in with comfort and calm:

## First-Night Essentials – Box 1: For Your Home

- Paper towels
- Sponge
- All-purpose cleaner
- Small tool kit (hammer, screwdriver, wrench, nails)
- Trash bags
- Lightbulbs or nightlight
- Scissors or box cutter

## First-Night Essentials – Box 2: For You

- Toilet paper (at least two rolls)
- Daily medications
- Pain relievers (ibuprofen, etc.)
- Adhesive bandages
- Paper plates, plastic utensils, and napkins
- Hand soap or sanitizer
- Snacks and bottled water
- Phone charger
- Pajamas and clean clothes

# THINGS TO DO ON YOUR FIRST NIGHT

## Meet Your New Home

- Take a walkthrough and explore your new space
- Test light switches and outlets
- Listen for any sounds or quirks
- Let yourself feel whatever emotions come up

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## Take Photos

- Capture your new space “before” unpacking
- Use them for insurance and decor planning later

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## Relax

- Take a hot shower or bath
- Play soft music, light a candle
- Don’t pressure yourself to unpack - just rest

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## Make It A Home

A house is just walls and a roof. A home is where memories begin. To make your new space feel familiar:

- Hang personal photos
- Resume your favorite rituals (coffee, yoga, journaling)
- Invite loved ones over
- Add cozy touches - blankets, scents, music

The best way to settle in? Start living in it.