

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

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
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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
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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.