



# THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST



## 1 MONTH BEFORE MOVE

- Hire a mover
- Purchase boxes, tape, and other important moving necessities
- Notify utility companies of the date for final meter reading
- Notify employers, schools, banks, doctors, etc. of your move, and begin obtaining important documents
- Begin cleaning out closets, attics, and the garage
- Decide what items can be thrown away or donated
- Confirm arrival time of movers/pickup time of rental truck
- Gather and clean outdoor furniture
- Return cable box, cable modem, and DSL modem, if necessary
- Pack suitcase of each family member with clothes and toiletries to get through the first three days
- Use towels, t-shirts, and pillows for padding around breakables to save space
- Back up all computers

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Submit a postal change of address form online
- Empty the fuel from your lawnmower, power tools, etc.
- Notify your Internet, cable TV, security, pest control, cleaning, lawn maintenance, and any other services you receive
- Create a room-by-room packing calendar to track your progress
- Assemble a folder of important information about the home for the next home owner
- Make sure all necessary repairs are complete

## 1-5 DAYS BEFORE MOVING

- Defrost your freezer, and empty the ice maker and ice cube trays
- Clean the refrigerator, stovetop, and oven
- Disconnect and drain all appliances that are moving with you
- Have payment for movers ready
- Confirm travel arrangements

## AT CLOSING

Make sure your new home has an American Home Shield® home warranty to help cover the cost to repair or replace parts of home systems like air conditioning, heating, and electrical, and appliances like your refrigerator, washer and dryer, and more, when they break down.

## MOVING DAY

- Double-check that your cupboards, closets, dishwasher, and other appliances are empty
- Give movers a tour and any specific instructions on what to move or not move
- Take note of utility meter readings
- Take a final walk through of the home to make sure no items are left behind
- Leave a note with your new address in the house so that future residents can forward any remaining mail
- Unpack and begin organizing your new home
- Confirm your new address with employers, schools, banks, doctors, etc.
- CELEBRATE!!**

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