



There is A LOT to think about when you are preparing to move. Use our handy checklist to make your move easier. If you have any questions, just give us a call at 785-842-1115.

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## 1-2 months before the move

- Contact Professional Moving and Storage**  
Schedule a reservation for the day you would like to move into your new home.
- Make an inventory**  
Inventory your household goods and begin to remove clutter (start with the basement, attic, garage, and other storage areas).
- Start a moving file**  
Put all of your moving paperwork in this file (estimates, receipts, etc.).
- Get your new home ready**  
Contact painters, carpenters, plumbers, and roofers. Remember to change locks on all doors in your new home.
- Change your address**  
Obtain and fill out post office change-of-address cards.
- Start to empty your refrigerator and kitchen cabinets**  
Begin using foods and cleaning supplies that cannot be moved.
- Start collecting packing supplies**  
If you are packing yourself, obtain packing materials and start packing items you won't need until after you arrive at your new house.
- Plan and hold your moving sale**  
Remember to check with local authorities about restrictions.

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## 1-2 weeks before the move

- Arrange for disposal of your stuff**  
Dispose of any items that you did not sell. Better yet, donate those items!
- Return items**  
Return borrowed items, including library books and retrieve any loaned items.
- Take care of medications**  
Transfer prescriptions and be sure you have an adequate supply of medications on hand.
- Pack a travel kit**  
Put aside items like a checkbook, credit cards, ID, keys, toiletries, tools, paper plates, cups, towels, aspirin, bandages, and games for the kids. Also pack a suitcase with clothing and other personal items.
- Disconnect and connect utility services**  
Schedule disconnection of all utility services at your old home and connection of them at your new one.
- Make arrangements for your pets, plants and children**  
Set up child care arrangements, board your pet, and find a new home for plants that won't make the trip.

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## Day before the move

- Clean your refrigerator and freezer**  
Defrost your refrigerator and freezer, propping doors open.
- Finalize details**  
Confirm arrival time of movers and travel reservations.
- Prepare to pay**  
Obtain cash or traveler's checks for the trip and to pay the movers.

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## Day of the move

- Supervise loading and unloading**  
Have someone stay at the house to answer questions the movers may have.
- Double check your home**  
Walk through your home to make sure the movers loaded all of your items.
- Say goodbye**  
Give your goodbyes to your neighbors and your old home!