

Moving timeline

Moving requires proper planning and preparation. To help you get ready for the big day, use this timeline to organize your moving activities and decisions, so you will be able to enjoy living in your new home sooner.

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Take a look at the things you own, and decide which items you will take with you and which items you can perhaps do without in your new home.	Select your mover, if you are going to use one, and schedule a meeting to finalize dates and costs.	Contact your children's schools and arrange for records to be transferred to the new school district.	Dispose of toxic or flammable items like the gas or oil from lawn mowers.	Remove bedding and towels and pack in box that will be opened first.
If you have a lot of things you do not want to take, you may want to organize a garage sale now.	Go to the post office and fill out a change of address form, and an IRS change of address form.	Plan ahead for special needs of infants (reserve a babysitter for moving day, if necessary)	Pack a suitcase of your clothes to move.	Double check to make sure closets, drawers, shelves, and the garage are empty.
Start contacting moving companies to get cost estimates to help you decide if you want to use a mover or do it on your own. Make sure you find out what they do to help make your move easier.	Notify your credit card companies, and magazine subscriptions of your new address.	Check with your insurance company to ensure that you will be covered through your homeowner's insurance or renter's policy.	Get items together that will go with you and not in the moving van: cash, medication, jewelry, valuables, vital files, flashlight, toilet paper, tools, etc.	If using movers, when they arrive, review the details and verify the delivery plans.
Map out your new home, and begin thinking about where you'll want to put your furniture. This will help give you better direction on moving day.	Contact your utility companies to schedule a disconnection of services on the day after your move (so you can still have utilities when you are in the house). Inform electric, disposal, water, newspaper, telephone and cable companies of your move.	Transfer all current prescriptions to a drug store in your new town.	Defrost your freezer and refrigerator.	Plan to be present at your new home when the moving van arrives, and be prepared to pay the mover.

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	Call the utilities in your new town to arrange for service to start the day before your move, so you will have service when you get there.	Be sure to remember to clean out any hidden valuables or spare keys.	Confirm travel reservations.	Check to make sure the new utilities have been connected.
	Make arrangements for transporting pets, if necessary.	Start your serious packing, and label all of your boxes. Make sure you mark those boxes that contain items that you want to open first i.e., dishes, clothing, bedding, alarm clocks, etc.	You may want to contact the newspaper in your new town and start a subscription.	Check moving inventory sheets while the movers are unloading to make sure all items are present.
	Start using up food items in your house so you will have as little food to move as possible.	Contact your bank to change your account status, or move your accounts. At Chase, we make it easy to take us with you wherever you move.		Help direct movers where to place items.
	Make travel arrangements, if necessary, with airlines, car rental agencies and hotels.			
	Start packing rarely used items, like decorations, fancy china, photos, etc.			