

Moving Day Checklist

What to do on moving day, hour by hour, from morning prep to handing over the keys.

Early Morning Prep

- Wake up early, eat a real breakfast and dress in comfortable clothes
- Charge your phone and pack a portable charger
- Set aside your essentials box and load it into your own car
- Strip the beds and finish packing any last bags
- Clear a wide, unobstructed path from each room to the front door
- Confirm the arrival time and address with your movers
 - Have their phone number saved in case of delays

Keep With You, Not on the Truck

- Medications, prescriptions and a small first-aid kit
- Important documents, IDs and the lease or closing papers
- Cash, jewelry and small valuables
- Phone chargers, keys and a change of clothes
- Snacks, water and basic toiletries

As the Movers Load

- Walk the crew through the home and point out fragile items
- Confirm which boxes and furniture are NOT going
- Keep boxes labeled by room so they unload to the right place
- Stay reachable to answer questions and supervise
- Protect floors and doorways from scratches and scuffs
- Do a quick inventory count as items go onto the truck

Final Walkthrough & Lock-Up

- Open every closet, cabinet, drawer and the dishwasher
- Check the attic, basement, garage and behind every door
- Take final readings of the gas, electric and water meters
 - Photograph each meter with the date as proof for final bills
- Turn off lights, lock windows and shut off the water if instructed
- Take photos of the empty, clean home for your records
- Leave keys, remotes and manuals for the new occupants or agent

Arrival at the New Home

- Do a quick walkthrough and note any pre-existing damage with photos
- Confirm utilities are on and take starting meter readings
- Decide where large furniture goes before it comes off the truck
- Direct movers to place each box in its labeled room
- Check the inventory as items come off the truck

Wrap Up the Day

- Inspect items for damage before the movers leave

- Tip the crew and sign off on the delivery paperwork
- Set up the beds and locate the bathroom and kitchen boxes
- Order food and take a break — you do not have to unpack it all today