Moving Timeline Checklist

An 8-week moving timeline checklist showing exactly what to do each week before moving day.

8 Weeks Out

- [ ] Set your moving budget
- [ ] Book a moving company or reserve a rental truck
- [ ] Start decluttering — donate, sell or bin what you won't take

6 Weeks Out

- [ ] Order boxes and packing supplies
- [ ] Begin packing rarely used items and seasonal goods
- [ ] Create a room-by-room inventory

4 Weeks Out

- [ ] Give notice to your landlord or finalize sale dates
- [ ] Book time off work for moving day
- [ ] Arrange childcare and pet care for the day
- [ ] Pack non-essential rooms and label every box

2 Weeks Out

- [ ] Set up or transfer utilities and internet
- [ ] File a change of address and update key accounts
- [ ] Confirm details and timing with your movers
- [ ] Use up freezer and pantry food

1 Week Out

- [ ] Pack everything except daily essentials
- [ ] Prepare a first-night box and keep it aside
- [ ] Disassemble large furniture
- [ ] Confirm parking and access for the truck

Moving Day

- [ ] Take meter readings and final photos of the empty home
- [ ] Do a room-by-room walkthrough before the truck leaves
- [ ] Keep valuables and documents with you
- [ ] Hand over keys

Week After

- [ ] Unpack essentials, then one room at a time
- [ ] Update your license, registration and local records
- [ ] Test alarms and locate shut-off valves and the fuse box

- [ ] Confirm final bills from your old providers are settled