Utilities Transfer Checklist

How to set up, transfer, or cancel every utility for a move, with the right timing for each.

Plan & Time the Switch

- [ ] List every utility account at your current address
- [ ] Confirm which utilities the new home needs and who provides them
- [ ] Contact each provider about two weeks before moving
- [ ] Schedule new-home service to start the day before you arrive
- [ ] Schedule old-home service to end the day after you leave
  A small overlap means you keep power and water during the move itself

Electricity

- [ ] Transfer or set up the electric account in your name
- [ ] Confirm the activation date at the new address
- [ ] Ask whether a deposit or new connection fee applies
- [ ] Record the final electric meter reading at the old home

Gas & Water

- [ ] Arrange gas service and confirm the start date
- [ ] Book any required safety check or pilot-light relight
- [ ] Transfer or open the water and sewer account
- [ ] Photograph final gas and water meter readings before you leave

Internet, Cable & Phone

- [ ] Book the internet installation appointment early
- [ ] Check whether your current plan is available at the new address
- [ ] Arrange return or transfer of any rented modem or set-top box
- [ ] Confirm the cable and phone service start date
- [ ] Have a backup hotspot for the first day in case install is delayed

Trash, Recycling & Other

- [ ] Set up or transfer trash and recycling collection
- [ ] Find out collection days and any bin rental at the new home
- [ ] Arrange propane, oil or any specialty service if needed
- [ ] Transfer or cancel a home security monitoring contract

Close Out the Old Address

- [ ] Confirm cancellation dates and final bills for every account
- [ ] Return any equipment and keep the receipts
- [ ] Provide a forwarding address for closing statements

- [ ] Save photos of all final meter readings with dates
  Keep them until each final bill is confirmed correct