

YOUR MOVING CHECKLIST

Thursday
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2027

Austin → Denver

2 adults · dog · US Letter

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8 weeks to go

2 tasks this week
Done: ____ / 2

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Give written notice to your landlord Check your lease for the notice period; 30 to 60 days is common. Keep a dated copy.	 Admin	THU JAN 14	_____
☐ Set a moving budget and start a moving folder Movers or truck, supplies, deposits, travel, and a buffer. Keep every quote and receipt in one place.	 Admin	THU JAN 14	_____

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THU JAN 21 – WED JAN 27 2027

7 weeks to go

1 task this week
Done: ____ / 1

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Get at least three quotes from moving companies Ask about insurance, packing services, and what's not included. In-home or video surveys give firmer prices.	 Admin	THU JAN 21	_____

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6 weeks to go

6 tasks this week
Done: ____ / 6

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Book your moving company Get the date, price, and insurance in writing. Ask what they won't move, such as plants or paint.	 Admin	THU JAN 28	
☐ Sign the lease for your new home and pay the deposit Read the move-in date, deposit terms, and what counts as normal wear before you sign.	 Admin	THU JAN 28	
☐ List every utility and service account at your current home Electricity, gas, water, trash, internet, TV, phone. Note account numbers and any contract end dates.	 Utilities	THU JAN 28	
☐ Check which internet providers serve the new address Installation slots can take two to three weeks, so compare plans now.	 Utilities	THU JAN 28	
☐ Book time off work for moving day Take the day after as well if you can; unpacking the basics takes longer than you think.	 Admin	THU JAN 28	
☐ Declutter: sell, donate, or recycle what you won't move Every box you don't pack is one you don't carry or pay to move. Book a donation pickup early.	 Packing	THU JAN 28	

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5 weeks to go

3 tasks this week
Done: ____ / 3

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Order boxes and packing supplies Boxes in two or three sizes, tape, markers, packing paper, and bubble wrap. Ask stores and neighbors for free boxes.	Packing	THU FEB 4	_____
☐ Decide how you will label boxes Room name and box number on two sides, plus FRAGILE or OPEN FIRST where it applies. Number boxes as you pack.	Packing	THU FEB 4	_____
☐ Measure large furniture and the new home's doorways and stairs Sell or donate anything that won't fit instead of paying to move it.	Packing	THU FEB 4	_____

4 weeks to go

3 tasks this week
Done: ____ / 3

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Book internet installation for the new home Aim for move-in day or the day after. Ask whether you need to be home.	Utilities	THU FEB 11	_____
☐ Start packing: Storage & closets Leave out what you still use daily.	Packing	THU FEB 11	_____
☐ Ask your vet for copies of vaccination and medical records You'll need them for a new vet, boarding, and travel. Ask about a longer supply of any medication.	Pets	THU FEB 11	_____

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3 weeks to go

2 tasks this week
Done: ____ / 2

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Schedule utility shut-off at the old home and start-up at the new one Stop service the day after you move out and start it the day before you move in. Settle any final balance.	⚡ Utilities	THU FEB 18	_____
☐ Start packing: Guest room / office Leave out what you still use daily.	📦 Packing	THU FEB 18	_____

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9 tasks this week
Done: ____ / 9

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Tasks 1-7 of 10
Done: ____ / 10

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1 week to go (continued)

Tasks 8-10 of 10

Done: ___ / 10

	TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐	Start packing: Kitchen Leave out what you still use daily.	 Packing	THU MAR 4	
☐	Update the microchip registration and order a new ID tag Do it before moving day, when pets most often get lost. Put the new tag on now.	 Pets	THU MAR 4	
☐	Pack a pet bag: food, bowls, medication, leash, litter, favorite toy It travels with you, not on the truck. Keep a recent photo of your pet on your phone.	 Pets	THU MAR 4	

NOTES

Today's the day.

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MAR 2027

ON THE DAY

- ☐ Read and photograph the meters at both homes

Electricity, gas, and water, with the date visible: the old home as you leave, the new one as you arrive.

- ☐ Defrost and clean the fridge and freezer

Start two days before moving day: empty it, defrost, wipe it dry, and leave the doors open.

- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of every room, closet, and cabinet

Check the attic, garage, dishwasher, and oven. Then lock up: windows, doors, and heat on low in winter.

- ☐ Photograph the empty, cleaned rental and do the move-out inspection

Time-stamped photos and the signed inspection report are your evidence for the deposit.

- ☐ Photograph the new rental before you unload

Document existing damage and send it to the landlord the same day.

- ☐ Hand over the old keys and collect the new ones

Collect every spare you lent out, plus garage openers and mailbox keys.

- ☐ Pack the last of the kitchen

Keep a few mugs, breakfast things, and the coffee maker or kettle in the essentials box.

- ☐ Have cash on hand for tips and any unexpected charges

Tipping movers 5 to 10 percent, or a set amount per person, is common. Pay the balance as agreed.

Keep with you

- ☐ Keys, old and new
- ☐ ID and move paperwork
- ☐ Phone chargers
- ☐ Medication
- ☐ Snacks and water
- ☐ _____

Numbers

MOVERS

LANDLORD / AGENT

NEW HOME CONTACT

OTHER

Today's **the day.**

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ON THE DAY

- ☐ Check the inventory list before the truck leaves
Note any existing damage and sign only when the list matches what was loaded.
- ☐ Find the water shut-off, breaker panel, and gas valve at the new home
Find them before anything goes wrong, not after.
- ☐ Check the yard and fences for gaps before letting the dog out
New yards have new escape routes. Walk the dog on a leash until you are sure.
- ☐ Make up the beds and set up the bathroom before anything else
Everything else can wait until morning.

METERS	ELECTRIC	GAS	WATER
Old home			
New home			

After the move

Tasks 1–8 of 15
Done: ____ / 15

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Submit your closing and opening meter readings Closing readings go to your old providers, opening readings to the new ones. Check the first bills match.	⚡ Utilities	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace the batteries Add an alarm to any floor that is missing one.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Check for damage and file any claim with the movers Most contracts give you a short window to report damage, often 7 to 30 days.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Update your driver's license and vehicle registration at the DMV Most states allow 10 to 30 days after moving. Many let you update an in-state address online.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Update your voter registration vote.gov links to your state. Deadlines are usually 15 to 30 days before an election.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Tell the IRS your new address with Form 8822 Or simply use the new address on your next return. Update your state tax agency too.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Update your address with your health insurance plan Moving can qualify you for a special enrollment period if your plan does not cover the new area.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____
☐ Confirm your home or renters insurance is active at the new address Check the policy shows the new address and the correct start date.	🏠 After	FRI MAR 12	_____

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After the move (continued)

Tasks 9–15 of 15
Done: ____ / 15

TASK	TYPE	DO BY	DONE ON
☐ Follow up on your deposit refund Most places require it within 14 to 30 days. Dispute deductions in writing with your photos.	After	FRI MAR 12	
☐ Work through the rest of your address-change list Doctors, dentist, vet, loyalty programs, online shopping accounts, and friends and family.	After	FRI MAR 12	
☐ Unpack the kitchen, then one room at a time Start with the rooms you use most. Break down boxes as you go so they do not pile up.	After	FRI MAR 12	
☐ Return your old router or set-top box to the provider Unreturned equipment fees are steep. Keep the return receipt.	Utilities	FRI MAR 12	
☐ Introduce yourself to the neighbors Ask about trash days, parking, and anything odd about the street.	After	FRI MAR 12	
☐ Find the nearest grocery store, pharmacy, and urgent care Save them in your maps app before you need them in a hurry.	After	FRI MAR 12	
☐ Break down the boxes: sell, give away, or recycle them Local buy-nothing groups and the next mover will take them off your hands.	After	FRI MAR 12	

NOTES

Rooms you use least, first

Write the room letter on every box. On moving day, the letter tells the movers where it goes.

Storage & closets

PACK BY WED FEB 17 • 5 BOXES

A
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BOXES

PACKED ON

Guest room / office

PACK BY WED FEB 24 • 4 BOXES

B
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BOXES

PACKED ON

Living & dining room

PACK BY WED MAR 3 • 7 BOXES

C
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BOXES

PACKED ON

Bedroom

PACK BY WED MAR 10 • 6 BOXES

D
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BOXES

PACKED ON

Bathroom

PACK BY WED MAR 10 • 2 BOXES

E
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BOXES

PACKED ON

Kitchen

PACK BY WED MAR 10 • 8 BOXES

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BOXES

PACKED ON