

HOMEOWNER TRANSITION RESOURCE

MOVING CHECKLIST

A practical checklist for the transition from closing preparation to moving day.

PLAN

Early

TRANSFER

Services

PACK

Smart

MOVE

Prepared

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Turning Hope Into Homes

Where people come first and homes follow.



Start with decisions that create lead time.

- ☐ Confirm your expected closing / possession plan, while remembering dates can still change
- ☐ Choose movers or reserve a truck if needed
- ☐ Begin packing nonessential rooms and seasonal items
- ☐ Declutter, donate or dispose of items you are not moving
- ☐ Create a moving folder for contracts, receipts and important contacts
- ☐ Measure large furniture and major entryways
- ☐ Plan for pets, children or anyone needing extra support on moving day
- ☐ Begin a basic inventory of valuable or fragile items
- ☐ Confirm parking, elevator or move-in rules if HOA / condo / building rules apply

DO NOT MAKE THE MOVE IRREVERSIBLE TOO EARLY

Closing dates can move.

- ☐ Avoid ending current housing earlier than necessary when possible.
- ☐ Use flexible or refundable moving arrangements when available.
- ☐ Do not schedule nonrefundable services based only on an expected closing date.

NO SURPRISES

Clear to Close is not the same as Closed. Keep the moving plan flexible until the transaction is actually complete and possession timing is confirmed.

Utilities, Address Changes & Services

Handle the administrative pieces before moving day.

SET UP / TRANSFER SERVICES

Confirm start dates and account details

- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Gas / propane if applicable
- ☐ Water / sewer if buyer-managed
- ☐ Internet / cable
- ☐ Trash / recycling if buyer-managed
- ☐ Security / monitoring if desired
- ☐ HOA / condo contact information
- ☐ Homeowners insurance effective date confirmed

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

Create one list and work through it

- ☐ USPS mail forwarding
- ☐ Employer / payroll
- ☐ Banks and credit cards
- ☐ Insurance policies
- ☐ DMV / vehicle registration as required
- ☐ Voter registration as applicable
- ☐ Subscriptions / deliveries
- ☐ Family, medical and school records as needed

KEEP THESE ITEMS WITH YOU - NOT IN THE MOVING TRUCK

- ☐ Identification and closing documents
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Phones, chargers and important electronics
- ☐ Keys and garage remotes you already have
- ☐ Jewelry, cash and irreplaceable items
- ☐ Basic toiletries and clothes for the first night
- ☐ Pet supplies / child essentials

BUYER REMINDER

Keep your closing funds separate from moving spending. Avoid large purchases or new financed accounts before closing unless your lender has confirmed the impact.

Final Week + Moving Day

The goal is a smooth transition, not a perfect one.

FINAL WEEK

Finish the items that can wait until closing is close

- ☐ Confirm mover / truck details
- ☐ Finish packing and label boxes by room
- ☐ Create a first-night box
- ☐ Back up important computer files
- ☐ Confirm utility start dates
- ☐ Confirm final walkthrough time
- ☐ Prepare closing identification and required items
- ☐ Clean / prepare the property you are leaving
- ☐ Confirm possession / key timing before directing movers

MOVING DAY

Protect the essentials and document the transition

- ☐ Take photos of the home before moving items in
- ☐ Check that utilities are functioning
- ☐ Locate main water shutoff and electrical panel
- ☐ Keep medications, documents and valuables with you
- ☐ Direct boxes to labeled rooms
- ☐ Check for damage while movers are present
- ☐ Keep receipts for moving-related expenses
- ☐ Do a final check of the old residence

FIRST NIGHT BASICS

Toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, soap, basic tools, flashlight, chargers, medications, bottled water / simple food, bedding, towels, pet or child essentials, and a change of clothes.

NEXT RESOURCE

Once you are moved in, use the First 30 Days as a Homeowner guide to organize documents, learn the home and set up early maintenance.