

Moving Checklist

Or, Things to Do Before You Move

Our moving checklist is a timeline of things to do before you move — to ensure that your moving day is as hassle-free as possible.

12 weeks before you move, have you ...

- Chosen your mover and signed the acceptance note?
- Sorted through basement, loft and garage?
- Resolved what to do with prohibited items?
- Made proper provision for pets?
- Decided whether or not you are taking your car?

10 weeks before you move, have you ...

- Disposed of the things you don't want to take?

8 weeks before you move, have you ...

- Started to prepare your mailing list of people who need your change of address?
- Notified banks, savings accounts, credit card companies, magazine subscriptions, hire purchase and rental companies?
- Started to round up passports, birth/marriage certificates and other family documentation?
- Applied for any necessary visas?
- Checked that electrical goods will work in your new home?

6 weeks before you move, have you ...

- Separated favorite toys?
- Made sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date?
- Arranged for mail to be forwarded?
- Decided whether or not to buy any new household goods — check tax refunds.

4 weeks before you move, have you ...

- Decided which clothes travel with you?
- Started to dismantle climbing frames/garden furniture?
- Agreed to an insurance value and terms with your mover?
- Made arrangements for connection of services at your new home?
- Returning library books.
- Cancelled milk, newspapers, subscriptions.
- Found new homes for your plants.

7 days before you move, have you ...

- Defrosted the refrigerator/freezer
- Planned simple meals for moving day to avoid using appliances.
- Separated luggage items you need for personal travel.
- Cleaned garden tools, bicycles and any other gardening equipment.
- Emptied the tanks of powered tools such as mowers.
- Checked that you have enough medication for at least two weeks, and ensure you have copies of any necessary prescriptions for use at destination.
- Collected travelers cheques or local currency.
- Arranged for someone to look after the children on moving day.

Moving day ...

Relax.