



Countdown to Moving Day:

A Helpful Checklist

A household move is a major undertaking. This list will help organize and prioritize your tasks.



Moving Checklist

6-8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Gather family records: medical, dental, school, birth, baptismal, marriage, financial, insurance, wills and pet immunizations.
- Have schools forward transcripts to your new school system
- Schedule a moving sale to sell those items you will not be taking with you. Other items may be donated
- Set a packing date. We offer professional packing crews who will save you countless hours! We also offer a full complement of durable cartons should you decide to pack yourself
- Make personal travel plans for your move, such as purchasing airline tickets, making hotel reservations and checking GPS for your trip route
- Inventory your household possessions. Decide which items to move and which not to move

2-3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Safely discard or give away all flammable materials (paints, paint removers, solvents and propane tanks) **(These items cannot be moved)**
- Advise insurance companies of your pending move and update policies
- Make shipping arrangements for pets and plants
- Cancel club memberships
- Pack items to be carried in your car and mark each carton: **DO NOT MOVE**
- Fill and transfer prescriptions for family and pets

1 WEEK BEFORE MOVE

- Dispose of dry goods by contacting your local food pantry or Move For Hunger at moveforhunger.org
- Defrost refrigerator and freezer. Allow sufficient drying time to prevent mildew
- Collect and pack all items from separate locations (office, school, clubs, etc.)
- Make arrangements for child care and pet care on moving day
- Drain oil and fuel from mowers and other power equipment
- Close out safe deposit box. Items from your safe deposit box and other valuables, such as jewelry, should stay with you
- Send clothing, draperies and rugs out for cleaning; leave in wrapping for the move
- Prepare your Survival Kit **(See next page)**

MOVING DAY

- Remove and pack bed linens in dresser drawers for convenience
- BE AVAILABLE TO CHECK YOUR INVENTORY SHEET** as items loaded on the truck
- When all items have been loaded, conduct a last-minute walk-through. Check all closets, shut all windows, turn off lights and lock doors
- Get copies of shipping documents

Once you've booked your National Van Lines move, check your email for a notice from Updater.com. This app consolidates and accelerates your change-of-address notifications plus helps you transfer utilities. Using the app or visiting updater.com saves you a trip to your post office. Make advance arrangements for these services in your new community.

- Internet
- Water-softener service
- Fuel or oil delivery
- Electric and/or gas
- Water
- Garbage collection
- Cable or satellite
- Lawn, pool service
- Newspapers
- Telephone

Moving Day Survival Kit

"Where is the...?"

The most common questions from most families on the move start with "Where." But when we help you prepare your own personal Survival Kit, you will know where everything is shortly after the van arrives. It's right where it's supposed to be. Exactly where you told our movers to unload.

Here is a list of suggested items that should be put aside to be packed in your Survival Kit. Because the kit is among the first to arrive in your new home, it will help you survive the unloading and unpacking process with a great deal more comfort.



SURVIVAL KIT

(Last box on, first box of the truck)

- Pad of paper and pen
- Flashlight with batteries
- Light bulbs, small lamp
- Paper Towels
- Paper cups
- Paper plates
- Paper Napkins
- Plastic Silverware
- Wet Wipes
- Trash Bags
- House-hold cleaning supplies
- Coffee mugs
- Coffee maker
- Coffee
- Creamer & sugar
- Bottle, can opener, small knife
- Two kitchen pans
- Scissors and/or utility knife
- Toilet paper
- Personal grooming kit: comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, razor
- Linens/towels
- Blanket

PACK YOUR OWN

(Take with you)

- Checkbook
- Address book, planner
- Telephones
- Laptop Computer
- Medications
- First aid kit
- Snacks
- Toys
- Screwdriver, hammer, nails, pliers

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

- Medical records
- School records
- Birth and baptismal certificates
- Marriage License
- Financial records, passbooks
- Credit cards and records
- Social Security information
- Passports
- Documents pertaining to estate sales and purchases
- Travel-expense receipts

Need packing supplies or custom container options?



Contact your National Van Lines Agent to:

- buy cartons, cushioning and tape the pros use
- discuss custom box and crating options to protect electronic, heavy, expensive or sentimental items

Find more packing tips and moving advice on the National Van Lines Customer Support: nationalvanlines.com/moving-guide



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