




Comprehensive Moving Checklist

 This moving checklist From Canadian Preferred Moving team offers a complete roadmap for your move. From decluttering to unpacking essentials, we've got you covered with detailed steps and handy tips!

8 Weeks Before Moving

- Research moving companies and request quotes from at least three providers.
- Declutter your home by sorting items into "keep," "donate," and "discard" piles.
- Create a moving folder for contracts, receipts, and important documents.
- Start a moving budget to estimate costs like movers, supplies, and transportation.
- If renting, give your landlord formal notice as per the lease agreement.

6 Weeks Before Moving

- Order packing supplies, including boxes, bubble wrap, packing tape, and labels.
- Take inventory of valuables and ensure they are insured for the move.
- Schedule any necessary repairs or maintenance for your current home.
- Start packing items you rarely use, such as seasonal decor and off-season clothing.
- Confirm arrangements for transporting pets or special items (e.g., a piano).

4 Weeks Before Moving

- Contact utility companies to schedule disconnection at your current home and connection at your new home.
- Notify key organizations about your move, including banks, insurance companies, and employers.
- Update your address with the post office to forward your mail.
- Label boxes clearly with the room they belong to and a brief description of contents.
- Start packing fragile items carefully, using bubble wrap and padding.



2 Weeks Before Moving

- Arrange for childcare or pet care on moving day to avoid distractions.
- Plan meals for the next two weeks to minimize grocery shopping and reduce waste.
- Transfer medical records, school records, and other important documents.
- Return borrowed items like library books or tools to neighbors.
- Disassemble any large furniture that won't fit through doors easily.

1 Week Before Moving

- Pack a "first night" box with essentials like toiletries, clothing, and important documents.
- Defrost your refrigerator and freezer at least 24 hours before moving day.
- Confirm final details with your moving company, including arrival time and payment methods.
- Dispose of hazardous materials that movers cannot transport, such as paint and propane tanks.
- Do a deep clean of your current home to leave it in good condition.

Moving Day

- Double-check all rooms, closets, and cabinets before leaving your current home.
- Supervise the movers to ensure items are handled carefully and loaded properly.
- Take photos of your old home (and new home, if possible) for your records.
- Ensure utilities are functioning at your new home upon arrival.
- Unpack essentials first and take a moment to relax after a busy day.