

COUNTDOWN TO MOVING DAY



When you're planning for a move, keep in mind that almost everything will take longer to do than you expect. The best way to keep on track is to plan ahead and stay organized. This site is filled with helpful resources so you can do more—and save more.

EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE

- Line up movers.
- Look into [truck rental](#) prices, if you're doing it yourself.
- Make an inventory of everything you own.
- Decide what goes in the truck, car or trash.
- Consider where you want to place furniture in your new home.

SIX WEEKS BEFORE

- Clear out your closets. Be ruthless!
- Have a yard sale.
- Transfer your children's academic records to their new school.
- Transfer medical records to your new doctor.



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FOUR WEEKS BEFORE

- Reserve a truck or trailer for a DIY move.
- Confirm the booking with your moving company.
- Arrange to have the movers come over two days before moving day, if they are packing for you.
- Get boxes and packing tape, if you are doing it yourself
- Start packing out-of-season clothing and other items you won't need right away.
- Fill out change-of-address cards at the post office.
- Notify friends, family, the bank and your insurance agent of your new address.
- Pre-order appliances, furniture, dishes and cutlery.
- Send a change-of-address email to any magazines you subscribe to.
- Make copies of important papers, such as birth certificates, passports, medical and dental records.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE

- Arrange to have the utilities disconnected a few days after the move.
- Get the utilities set up at your new residence.
- Start packing room by room.
- Arrange for a babysitter on moving day if you need one.
- Reserve the freight elevator in your building for moving day.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- Arrange to move plants and pets.
- Get rid of items you're not allowed to move, such as gasoline and propane.
- Keep packing.
- Line up helpers to assist with loading your rental truck.
- Consider hiring a plumber or electrician to disconnect appliances you plan to move.

ONE WEEK BEFORE

- Open your new bank accounts if you're making a long-distance move.
- Make sure you have enough medication to last through the move.
- Have your doctor write a new prescription you can fill after you move.
- Defrost the refrigerator two days before you move.

