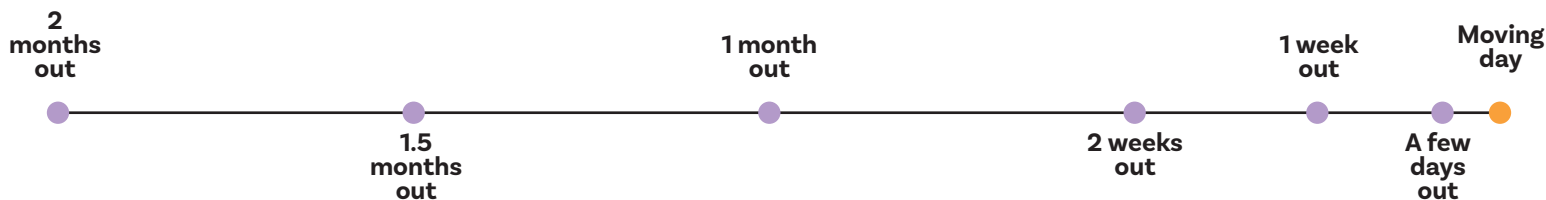


Moving timeline and checklist



2 months out

- Make your timeline. Start planning your move a few months ahead and create a list of things you need to do.
- Declutter. Have a garage sale or make a charitable donation.
- Contact realtor.

1.5 months out

- Get moving supplies: boxes, tape, packing, markers, etc.
- Make travel plans. For far away moves, arrange airfare, hotels, car rental, etc.
- Create a folder for moving expenses.
- Research moving insurance options.
- Research moving trucks and companies. Look for reviews and recommendations and get in-home estimates.

1 month out

- Finish up current home repairs.
- Start packing. Begin with things you use infrequently.
- Organize boxes and gather important records. Pack jewelry, valuables, and medical or school documents separately.
- Update your records. Notify the bank, insurance company, employer, subscription services, credit cards, and doctors of the new address.
- Move confirmation. Get a date, cost, and insurance confirmation from movers. Read the fine print.
- Send copies of school records to the new school.
- Research new medical care, plumbers, electricians and other service providers in your new area.

2 weeks out

- Ask for the right time off from work.
- Safe deposit box. Put valuables in a security box for moving.
- Clean out your home. Hire cleaners to get your new home and old home ready.
- Return borrowed or rented items and donate or sell anything you don't want.
- Have your vehicle serviced, especially if you are moving long distance.
- Make a kids' kit. Coloring books, crayons and games are a great way to keep kids from boredom.
- Schedule sitters for kids and pets on moving day.

1 week out

- If renting, set up a final walk-through with the landlord to get the security deposit back. If you can't be there for the walk-through or are selling your home, take photos of your empty place to prove it's in good condition and ready for the next residents.
- Secure all your important documents, jewelry, and other valuables and transport them yourself so they don't get lost.

A few days out

- Defrost, empty and clean refrigerator.
- Reconfirm movers' arrival time and contact info.
- Pack your plants.
- Get cash for movers' tips, food, and other last-minute items.
- Drain water hoses on your washing machine and ice maker.
- Empty oil and gas from grills, heaters, lawnmowers, snow blowers, and other tools.
- Final walk-through. Check closets, drawers, cabinets and garage. Turn off lights and lock windows and doors.
- Get connected. Ensure your current utilities (electricity, gas, water, etc.) are disconnected the day after you move and that your new utility services are connected the day before you move into your new home. Also, make sure you're signed up for curbside trash and recycling in your new city.

Moving day

- Pack a bag for the first night in your new home. Include multi-tool, change of clothes, toiletries, medicine, plastic eating utensils, toys, blankets and pillows, charging cords, and trash bags.
- Check that all items are off the moving truck. Review the bill of lading (list of shipped items).