

# *Moving to* YOUR NEW HOME

As you prepare to move into your new home, it's a great time to start setting up utilities, scheduling internet and cable installation, and planning your moving day. Use the checklist below to stay organized. This exciting transition will be smoother with a little preparation!

## **Address & Notifications**

- Update mailing address at USPS.com (first-class mail is forwarded for 12 months).
- Change address with banks, insurance, DMV, voter registration, and subscription services.
- Notify friends, family, and professional organizations.
- Check HOA or condo board for moving restrictions.

## **Utilities & Home Services**

- Transfer or cancel electricity, water, gas, internet, cable, and trash pickup.
- Arrange service setup at the new home.
- Settle any final bills or refunds.

## **Packing & Organization**

- Declutter by donating or selling unnecessary items.
- Label boxes clearly by room.
- Take photos of electronic setups before disconnecting.
- Secure important documents (IDs, financial records, legal papers).
- Unplug, clean, and disassemble appliances.

## **Moving Day Essentials**

- Pack a small "Open First" box with:
- Toiletries, toilet paper, trash bags
- Chargers, scissors, basic tools
- Snacks, water, paper goods
- Change of clothes and medications
- Keep important documents, keys, phone, and wallet easily accessible.

## **Long-Distance Moves**

- Collect medical, school, and veterinary records.
- Email travel plans to a trusted contact.
- Arrange transport for pets and plants.
- Empty your safe deposit box.

## **Final Checks**

- Confirm moving truck and helpers.
- Check parking restrictions for the moving truck.
- Do a final walkthrough to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Lock up and turn off all lights, water, and appliances.

# Packing LIKE A PRO!

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## Plan & Prepare

- Create a master to-do list to track tasks, estimate costs, and avoid last-minute stress.
- Sort and discard unwanted items into “sell,” “donate,” and “recycle” piles.
- Pack similar items together for easier unpacking.
- Keep essentials like valuables, photos, and must-haves with you.
- Pack a moving day bag with snacks, a first-aid kit, and necessities.

## Packing Smart

- Confirm what movers won’t take (plants, liquids, etc.).
- Use small boxes for heavy items and keep weight under 50 pounds.
- Avoid overpacking boxes to prevent breakage.
- Wrap fragile items individually and pad boxes with bubble wrap.
- Secure plants in ventilated boxes.

## Label & Organize

- Label all sides of each box and use a color-coded system by room.
- Keep moving documents handy, including contact details, truck info, and receipts.
- Print maps and directions for movers with your contact info.
- Back up important computer files to the cloud or an external hard drive.

## Arrival & Inspection

- Check each box and piece of furniture as it arrives.
- Know the moving company’s damage reporting process in advance.



# Moving with Furry Friends

## Before the Move

- Update your pet's ID tag with your new address, mobile number, and email.
- Ensure their collar is sturdy and properly fitted.
- Request veterinary records and transfer them to your new vet.
- Keep your current vet's contact info handy in case of emergency.
- Refill prescriptions and pack a week's worth of food and medication.
- Introduce your pet to their travel crate in advance.

## Moving Day

- Seclude pets in a quiet, safe room with a sign on the door.
- Use a well-ventilated, sturdy crate for transport.
- Prepare a pet first aid kit with:
  - Vet's contact info.
  - Gauze, adhesive tape, nonstick bandages.
  - Towels, cotton swabs, antibiotic ointment (without pain relief).
  - 3% hydrogen peroxide (for emergency use).

## Traveling with Pets

- Secure pets in a crate or carrier fastened with a seat belt.
- Never leave pets in a moving van, truck bed, or parked car.
- Find pet-friendly lodging in advance for overnight stays.
- Bring necessary supplies: kitty litter, waste bags, and extra food.

## Flying with Pets

- Check airline requirements for pet travel and approved carriers.
- Confirm if a special airline crate is needed for cabin travel.

## Settling into Your New Home

- Set up a dedicated space with food, water, bedding, toys, and a litter box.
- Keep windows and doors closed when pets are unsupervised.
- Check for small spaces where anxious pets might hide.
- Alert new homeowners or neighbors if your pet may try to return to your old home.

## Additional Considerations

- Learn about local pet laws, licensing, and veterinary care in your new area.
- For international moves, check quarantine rules and required documentation.



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goodbye*

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