

Free Printable Moving Checklist

25 Tips for Moving Checklist

- 1.) One of the most important tips for moving is to pack an overnight bag (or box) containing essentials. Here is an overnight bag moving checklist:
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| Baby supplies (e.g. diapers, formula, wipes) | Lightbulbs | Prescription medication (e.g. birth control) |
| Basic tools (e.g. screwdriver, hammer) | Non-perishable snacks | Shampoo |
| Bed linen | Over-the-counter medicine (e.g. pain reliever) | Soap (e.g. shower gel, body wash) |
| Cell phone (or some kind of telephone) | Disposable dishes (including cups and silverware) | Toothbrush |
| Change of clothes | Face cleanser | Toiletries |
| Cleaning supplies (including a broom and paper towels) | First aid kit (including bandages) | Toiletries |
| Condiments | Flour | Toys |
| Handy tools | Handy kit (e.g. extra batteries) | Wash clothes |
| | Main appliances (e.g. hair dryer) | Water |
| | Pet food | |
- 2.) Instead of plugging an bubble wrap, wrap breakable items in clothing. Use enough clothing so that items don't have any room to shift around in the box. If you don't have enough clothing, you can stuff cups and glasses with crumpled newspaper.
- 3.) This tip for moving may seem pretty obvious but don't wait until the last minute to start packing. Instead, pack room by room and start with rooms that aren't often used such as the guest room.
- 4.) Before moving day arrives, head to your new place and do some pre-cleaning. It'll be much easier to get the place spic and span before all of your stuff is there.
- 5.) This tip for moving can save you money and time. Save money on boxes and time packing by leaving drawers intact. For example, remove a dresser drawer, leave the clothes in place, and simply put Frodo's Seal or masking tape over the top.
- 6.) You might want to go ahead and just stick up on Frodo's Seal. In addition to the tip for moving above, you can also use Frodo's Seal to keep jewelry displays together.
- 7.) Place small parts (e.g. screws) into sandwich or snack bags so they don't get lost during the move. You can use a piece of masking tape or sticker to label what the pieces go to.
- 8.) This tip for moving will save you time (and possibly a reaping dose of initial red-down-the-road). Take photos of how your electronics are connected so that you can remember how to set them up in your new place.
- 9.) Save money on boxes by putting laundry baskets, hampers, suitcases, and garbage bags to work.
- 10.) If you're bringing in professional movers to handle the labor, be sure to read the fine print for any strange rules or legalese that may be a problem. For example, many moving companies are only liable for broken items if they packed them. It may be a good idea to take photographs of valuables (including furniture) beforehand to document the condition.
- 11.) Save yourself a ton of stress by heading this tip for moving. Change your address at least two weeks prior to vacating your current residence. This will help ensure you receive all of your bills and other mail.
- 12.) This tip for moving might actually make you save money! If you have items you'd like to unload but don't want to just give them away, list them on sites like eBay, Craigslist, or Facebook. Approximately 2 to 3 months before moving, if you think something isn't worth much, list it anyway... you'll be surprised at what people will buy.
- 13.) Hire a sitter or coo a friend or relative into volunteering for children and/or pets on moving day.
- 14.) Whether you're vacating a rental or selling your current home, you'll want to leave it clean for the new occupants. How can you help you'll clean it after removing all of your belongings. In addition, be sure to leave some cleaning supplies there for your use.
- 15.) This is another tip for moving that may seem pretty obvious but it really can save you money. Instead of buying boxes (which can cost well over a piece), get free boxes from friends, relatives, local businesses (e.g. grocery stores), and even Craigslist.
- 16.) Pack light items in big boxes and heavy items in small boxes, while this may seem counterintuitive, this strategy will help you avoid box breakage.
- 17.) Don't take items you don't need or use in your new place. Removes later before packing! If you haven't used an item in about year and it doesn't have sentimental value, get rid of it.
- 18.) This tip for moving allows you to get creative and can even be fun. Instead of moving all those odds and ends taking up space in your fridge and pantry, come up with a new dish to use them. Sugar Pinterest and the Internet for great ideas and inspiration. If all else fails, donate non-perishable items to the local food bank.
- 19.) Consider having any large rug professionally cleaned before moving. Not only will you get a clean rug but they will return from the cleaners rolled and ready to move.
- 20.) Break down any small possible items.
- 21.) This tip for moving may be a little more difficult than others. Be space-conscious when packing the truck. Be sure to fill every nook and cranny. If it helps, think of it as a game of Tetris. It may be helpful to designate one person (a ho is reasonably good at geometry) to stay in the truck and arrange things as they are brought out.
- 22.) Take the time to carefully label or even color code boxes as this will make unpacking go much faster.
- 23.) Get help! Moving will be much easier and go much faster if you have some assistance. Convince friends and family members to pitch in and help. Reward them with pizza or a drink or a good game night.
- 24.) This tip for moving may seem a little obvious but it's worth noting. Put a get together moving bag in which you can keep everything you need for the first few days in your new place.
- 25.) While children may be in the way on the actual moving day, get kids involved with the packing process. Often, children don't want to move—especially if it means changing schools. Getting them involved in the process can help them feel empowered and ready to face the unknown.

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