

Preparing to Move

Moving can be a very busy and hectic time especially if you've been renting for a few years and will now be moving into your new home. Use the following checklist to make sure you don't forget anything during your move to your new home.

CHECKLIST: Planning Your Move	
2 to 3 weeks before you move:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Buy boxes and other moving supplies <input type="checkbox"/> Donate or throw away unwanted items <input type="checkbox"/> Take toxic household cleaners, old paint and other chemicals to your local Toxic Waste Centre (search website for location) <input type="checkbox"/> Make any necessary travel arrangements or reservations <input type="checkbox"/> Notify your children's' old school and register at their new school	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Canada Post to forward your mail to your new address <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for telephone service at your new home <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange to return any Cable TV equipment to your cable company <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer your car insurance and license plates if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Get copies of all medical, dental and veterinary records
Contact or send change of address cards to:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license, Health cards, Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines and other subscriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Customs and Revenue Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Employer(s), doctor, dentist <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships <input type="checkbox"/> Bank accounts and credit cards
1 to 2 weeks before you move:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Return anything you have borrowed <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for your major appliances to be moved (if you will be taking them with you)	<input type="checkbox"/> Safely dispose of any flammable materials <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange to disconnect utilities at your old home and connect utilities at your new home
2 to 7 days before you move:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Find out what you can bring with you if you are traveling by car, bus, train or plane	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack a suitcase or small box with the clothes and other things you will need for the first few days in your new home
The day before you move:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take down your curtains and curtain rods <input type="checkbox"/> Empty and defrost the refrigerator and clean the stove	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack all of your personal items except for anything you will need tonight and tomorrow <input type="checkbox"/> Collect all your keys and keep them in a safe place
Moving day:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep your paperwork where you can find it <input type="checkbox"/> Pack all your bedding linens, toiletries, etc <input type="checkbox"/> Do a final "walk through" to check every room, closet and cabinet to be sure you aren't forgetting anything <input type="checkbox"/> If you hired a moving company, walk through your home with the supervisor to make a list of all your boxes and belongings	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean your old home or apartment and inspect it with the landlord <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm your new address with the moving company, and ask what time they will be arriving <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you know how to contact your new landlord or superintendent