

RELOCATION CHECKLIST

Before you Move



Be prepared
Be a Smarty

8-10 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Find a real estate agent to sell your home and/or buy one in your new city
- Research your new city, for example
 - Commute times
 - School and Childcare options
 - Tax and Insurance differences
 - Cost of living changes
- Make a visit in person to nail down your housing
- Pick one place (like a daily planner) to start tracking all your important info and numbers related to moving

6-8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Pick a good day to move
- Create your moving budget
- Hire and schedule movers or reserve a truck for a DIY move
- Organize important records
- Channel your inner Marie Kondo and start purging

4-6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Plan family and pet transportation for moving day
- Notify your kids' schools of the move
- Don't miss this one: Update home or rental insurance policies

4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Gather packing materials like boxes, bubble wrap and tape
- Pack non-essentials (think collectibles) you won't use over the next month
- Begin change of address notifications
- Update any accounts with your new address and notify your bank to avoid fraud
- Schedule cancellation of existing utilities or services

2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Set aside a box for essentials and important documents to pack last and unpack first on moving day
- Schedule a final house cleaning
- Set up utilities at your new home
- Refill any prescriptions
- Do pet checkups and grooming

1 WEEK BEFORE MOVING DAY

- Finish packing
- Reduce food in your fridge and pantry
- Drain fluids from machines and appliances being moved (like fuel from a lawn mower)
- Do a final walk-through of your old place before moving day and document any damages