



THE ULTIMATE MOVING GUIDE:

A Checklist for Everything You Need to Do

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There is no such thing as a hassle-free move. However, this guide can help you keep the hassle and frustration to a minimum and—dare we say it—make it a more enjoyable process knowing you won't forget anything.

THE PREPARATION:

- Create digital and physical files to keep everything related to your move together
- Determine your moving budget
- Research professional moving and shipping service providers
- Ask for time off during the final stages of your move
- If you rent, give notice to your landlord
- If you will need temporary housing, make those arrangements
- If you will be looking for a roommate, begin that search
- Rent a storage unit near your new home if necessary
- Go through your home and sort room by room—keep, sell, and donate
- Research and purchase moving insurance
- Research, select, and book your moving company, such as Pacific Crating and Shipping (PCS)
- Cancel utilities effective the day of your move, including phone, internet, cable, city services such as water and garbage, electric, gas, lawn service, pest control services, and any deliveries such as newspaper, milk, or groceries
- Set up utilities for your new location
- Make sure your vehicles are ready for transport or to be driven to your new home, including an oil change and new tires, if necessary

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THE PREPARATION (CONTINUED):

- Refill any prescriptions you will need before moving into your new home
- Check with the mover you chose regarding fragile items and more difficult items, such as sculptures, artwork, or motorcycles, to see how they would handle them and make a plan for transport
- Consider crating and shipping items
- Ensure that crated items are appraised and insured prior to moving (PCS does this for you)

THE PROCESS:

- Purchase or collect boxes
- Purchase supplies such as packing tape, scissors, markers, paper for packing, and bubble wrap
- Begin packing, room by room, starting with the items you use least often and grouping like items together and color code each box by room
- Or sit back, relax, and watch a great movie if you've hired professional movers to pack for you*
- Make travel arrangements to coincide with shipping your belongings to your new home
- Keep track of moving expenses which may be tax-deductible
- Retrieve any items you have in a safe-deposit box at your bank
- Clean food out of the pantry and refrigerator, clean once they are empty
- Pack items that will travel with you separately, such as important documents, medications, electronics, and clothing for the appropriate number of days
- Once packing is mostly completed, begin a final cleaning—vacuum, wipe down walls, clean floors, and sanitize bathrooms

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MOVING DAY:

- Get cash for tipping movers and emergencies
- Load the moving truck if you didn't hire that service
- Or have one last look around, remembering all the great times you had in your home while you wait for the movers to arrive and load the truck*
- Leave all keys and garage door openers on the counter
- Travel to your new home
- Give friends and family your new address
- Begin unpacking and making your new house into a home

- Celebrate the beginning of a new chapter!**

We would like to wish you well for your upcoming move and hope you will consider using Pacific Crating and Shipping for your moving and shipping needs. For more than 30 years, Pacific Crating and Shipping has been trusted to provide problem-free local, interstate, and international moves, superior custom crates, and dependable shipping services.