

Moving Day Checklist



1. Morning Essentials (The "First Out" Items)

- **The "Open First" Box:** Ensure this is in your personal car, not the truck. (Contains: Toilet paper, coffee maker, chargers, basic tools, and snacks).
- **Valuables & Documents:** Keep jewelry, passports, and moving contracts with you personally.
- **Bedding & Towels:** Strip the beds last and pack them in a clear bin so you can make the beds tonight without searching.

2. Loading Phase (The Strategy)

- **Walkthrough with Movers:** Walk the crew through the house. Point out fragile items and "do not move" items (like the cleaning kit).
- **Inventory Check:** As items are loaded, check them off your master list or ensure the movers' inventory matches yours.
- **Protect the Floors:** Ensure movers use floor runners or cardboard to protect carpets and hardwoods. **Pro tip:** you also want to protect doorways and thresholds with door jam protectors.

3. The "Final Sweep" (Old Home)

- **Check Every Nook:** Open every closet, kitchen cabinet, dishwasher, and the "way back" of the attic/garage.
- **Utility Final Check:** Take a photo of the water and electric meters for your records.
- **Thermostat & Lights:** Set the HVAC to an energy-saving temp and turn off all lights.

4. Arrival Phase (New Home)

- **The "Walk-Through" First:** Before the truck is unloaded, check the new house for any damage or cleaning issues that need immediate attention.
- **Direct the Traffic:** Stay near the entrance to tell movers exactly which room each box goes into (refer to your color-coding or labels). **Pro Tip:** Good movers will pay attention to your color coded sticky notes.
- **Check for Damage:** As items come off the truck, inspect furniture for new scratches or breaks before the movers leave.
- **Pet/Child Zone:** Set up a "safe zone" with water, food, and toys immediately so they stay calm and contained.

