THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST
PRINTABLE EDITION

☐ Create a moving calendar to coordinate garage sales, packing and moving dates.

☐ Schedule quotes for moving help. (see below)

☐ Create a moving budget.

☐ Secure new home or location if you haven’t already gotten keys.

☐ Measure furniture and bring those dimensions as you house hunt so you know if any furniture won’t fit in the new home.

☐ Request time off work to for moving day.

☐ Go room by room and define every item as “Sell” or “Keep” and trash items that can’t be sold.

☐ Start packing things you don’t need one week prior to packing day.

☐ Label boxes clearly. Color-code boxes by room for better organization.

☐ Arrange for utilities at the new address and schedule end of service.

☐ Enroll children in school/daycare in your new area prior to move day.

☐ Organize a garage sale to get rid of things you don’t need. (can help your move budget)

☐ Say “Goodbye” — if you’re moving out of the area, plan time with family and friends.

☐ Create an inventory list as you pack things.

☐ Take photos of all plug set-ups before unplugging and packing electronics. (especially if you don’t have the manuals anymore)

☐ Touch up paint and take care of home repairs.

☐ If you’re moving long-distance, have your vehicles serviced.

☐ Check your renter’s/homeowner’s insurance to see what coverage it provides for moving.

☐ Arrange for start/stop of insurance policies for old and new homes.

☐ Gather all of your financial and legal records in one place. Invest in a waterproof/fireproof box to safely store it all.

☐ Pack birth certificates, social security cards, passports, and medical records together. Carry those with you during transit to ensure they aren’t lost.

☐ Start clearing out freezer, fridge, and pantry.

☐ Schedule mail forwarding, update your driver’s license address, update voter registration.

☐ Book hotels, if you’re moving long-distance.

☐ Consider sending the kids to visit their grandparents during the actual move. If you’re moving locally, schedule pay daycare for the day of the move.

☐ Update ID tags and vet records with your contact information for your fur-family.

☐ Schedule start/stop dates for phone, cable, internet, and other utilities.

☐ Arrange for time to clean your old home after everything has been packed in the truck.

☐ Check for (and safely dispose of) items that can’t be moved.

☐ Update your address for any monthly subscriptions or online shopping accounts.

☐ Pack a “New Home Essentials” box with toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable dishware, and anything you might need the first night/day.

☐ Photograph your old home so you have records of the condition when you left. Don’t forget to collect any returned deposits.

☐ Dispose of packing materials - recycle them or reuse them for storage when possible.

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