

Long-Distance Moving Checklist

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As soon as you know your moving timeframe

- Use online form at www.UPack.com to get a quote for U-Pack moving containers
- Hire movers to help you load and unload the U-Pack containers

30 days prior to moving date

Cancel utilities or transfer to new address

- Cable/internet/phone
- Gas
- Electric
- Water, trash, and recycling

Change billing address

- Complete USPS Change of Address form online [here](#)
- Credit card company
- Banking company (if you aren't switching banks)
- Subscriptions (Netflix, Spotify, magazines, etc.)
- Car insurance
- Renter's insurance (if you're moving from a rental to another rental)

Start packing

- Purchase cardboard boxes/ plastic storage totes and packing tape
- Pack room by room
- Label boxes with the name of the room they belong in at the new place
- Mark boxes that need to be unpacked first with a special color or symbol (bed linens, lamps/lightbulbs)
- Get rid of unneeded items. Donate or sell what you don't want to take with you.

The week of your move

- Finish packing
- Close bank account if there are no branches in your new area
- Open new bank account when you arrive
- Pack a bag with these "essentials" to keep with you (not in the moving truck):
 - Toiletries
 - Change of clothing
 - Prescriptions
 - Healthy snacks and water

If you're a renter, follow these steps to ensure you get your deposit back!

- Clean walls and floors
- Clean kitchen and bathroom fixtures
- Clean inside drawers and cabinets
- Clean and defrost fridge/freezer and set to low
- Clean stove and oven including pans
- Clean dishwasher

Moving with a pet

- Pack a bowl and a baggie of food
- Pack paper towels for accidents

For cats

- Keep them in their carrier while driving.
- Drape a lightweight sheet over the carrier to keep them calm
- Fill a disposable foil pan with litter and place on car floor
- Let the cat out of the carrier to eat and use the litterbox each time you make a rest stop
- Arrange for a clean litterbox to be ready at destination