



30 Day Moving Prep Plan

Moving into a new home can be both exciting and overwhelming at the same time, but if you wait until the last minute, it can quickly become a nightmare. Prepare for your move at a steady pace using this 30-day guide and checklist.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Clean out closets
Start going through your closets and removing clothes, shoes, and other items you no longer need.

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Clean out drawers
Get rid of unused and invaluable items from your clothing drawers, desk drawers, and junk drawer.

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Go through storage
If you have any items in storage, be sure you evaluate what you have, and what you want to do with everything.

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Tackle the garage
If you have a garage, start organizing and cleaning it up. Get rid of garbage and compile items you want to get rid of.

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MAKE "DONATE" & "SELL" PILES
As you come across belongings you no longer want, consider donating or selling them. You can start making "donate" and "sell" piles.

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Sell what you can
You can try to make some extra cash by selling your unwanted items on an online marketplace or by hosting a garage sale.

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Pack seasonal items
Start packing up things you won't need until after your move, such as off-season clothing and holiday decorations.

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Pack home décor
Begin taking down home décor, such as artwork, mirrors, and wall mounts. You can also start packing picture frames and decorative items from your shelves and tabletops.

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Start labeling
Label every box in detail – what's inside, where you want it to go in your new home, and whether or not its fragile or heavy. If the contents are random, tape a list to the box.

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Update your address
Go to usps.com/changeaddress or your local post office to update your mailing address so your mail will be sent or forwarded to your new place.

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Schedule a donation pick-up
Your donation pile will likely grown by now. Instead of hauling it to a donation center, arrange for a charity to come pick it all up.

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Pack the heavy stuff
Pack up your heavy items, such as books and tools. Be sure you tape the bottoms of heavy boxes extra well so they hold up during your move.

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Keep important documents with you
Documents such as contracts and proof of identity should be kept with you so they're easily accessible and kept safe.

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Take pictures for easy reassembly
Before you start taking apart any furniture or electronics, snap pictures to use for an easier reassembly process.

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Keep hardware & ables organized
While disassembling electronics and furniture, keep screws, cords, and small pieces organized with labeled baggies and tape.

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Transfer utilities
Be sure to contact your utility companies, such as your electric company or internet provider, a week or two out to cancel or transfer your services.

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Pack up unused rooms
If there are any rooms you don't often use, such as a guest bedroom or a play room, go ahead and pack it up.

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Pack up the kitchen
Pack up everything in your kitchen – utensils, pots and pans, coffee cups, etc. – minus the bare minimum you'll need to survive your last week in your old home.

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Get rid of junk
The more you pack, the more stuff you're likely to come across that can go. Plan for round 2 of donations, or if it's complete junk, recycle or dispose of it properly.

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Pack fragile items
Carefully pack fragile items like fine china, glass, and antiques. Use plenty of padding, and don't overload boxes. Smaller boxes work great for fragile stuff.

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Plan your moving day
Decide which vehicles will carry what, timing, and make sure your helpers are on board with your plan.

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Prepare a 1st night box
Pack a box or bag with all the stuff you'll need for your first night in your new place. Include clothes, toiletries, medications, and other items you need daily.

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Pack your clothing
Instead of packing every single shirt and shoe, keep items on their hangers to stack in your vehicle, and use duffle bags and suitcases for shoes and folded clothing.

27
Pack the pantry
Go through your pantry and pack up or donate unexpired food and any paper goods you have. Now's a good chance to toss the expired stuff you've forgotten about as well.

28
Pack toiletries
Set aside anything you'll need between now and your move, then pack up the rest.

29
Clean where you can
You'll likely be responsible for clean-up after your move. If you can, get started on areas that won't be affected by moving day footprints and dust.

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Last minute prep
You should be 99% packed by now. Be sure to leave out cleaning and extra packing supplies for those last-minute items. Also try to get a good night's sleep!

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Moving Day

