

Moving House Checklist

Tick off each task as you go, from four weeks out to your first days in the new home.

4 weeks to go

- ☐ Create a moving folder or digital checklist
- ☐ Declutter by category: clothes, books, papers, miscellaneous, sentimental items
- ☐ Donate usable items (Goonj, HappieeSouls, Mrithunjay Foundation or a local charity)
- ☐ Collect free packing materials (grocery stores, furniture shops, old towels and clothes)
- ☐ Get quotes from two or three packers and movers
- ☐ Compare reviews, insurance cover, timelines and extra charges
- ☐ Book your movers (2 to 4 weeks ahead)

2 weeks to go

- ☐ Make a room-by-room packing schedule
- ☐ Pack non-essentials first: books, off-season clothes, decor, spare linen
- ☐ Label every box with room, contents and handling notes
- ☐ Colour-code boxes by room
- ☐ Scan key documents and store them on DigiLocker
- ☐ Back up computers and phones

1 week to go

- ☐ Pack fragile items: wrap individually, use small sturdy boxes, mark "Fragile"
- ☐ Photograph cable connections, then label cables and accessories
- ☐ Pack electronics in original boxes where possible
- ☐ Confirm all charges and timings with your movers in writing
- ☐ Arrange utility disconnection or transfer
- ☐ Update your address (bank, insurance, subscriptions)
- ☐ Keep hazardous and flammable items out of the load

Moving day bags (keep with you)

- ☐ Valuables, jewellery and cash
- ☐ Property papers, passports, IDs, keys
- ☐ Essential medication
- ☐ Phone chargers
- ☐ Kids' bag: snacks, toys, books, change of clothes
- ☐ Pet essentials: carrier, bedding, water, favourite toy

First-day essentials box

- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Clothes for each family member
- ☐ Bedsheets and pillowcases
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Cups, cutlery and basic kitchen items
- ☐ Tea, coffee, snacks and drinking water
- ☐ Basic tools and scissors

Moving day

- ☐ Do a final sweep of every room, cupboard and loft
- ☐ Check the inventory against your list
- ☐ Keep kids and pets in a safe, quiet space
- ☐ Note the meter readings and hand over keys

After you arrive

- ☐ Check that all boxes have arrived
- ☐ Inspect furniture and fragile items
- ☐ Confirm utilities are working
- ☐ Set up beds, sofas and dining furniture first
- ☐ Unpack room by room: bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, then the rest
- ☐ Settle kids and pets into a familiar routine
- ☐ Take your time and enjoy the new space