

CHECKLIST

Prepare for Your Move

- Update your mailing address**
- Change your address with important service providers**, such as your bank(s), credit companies, magazine subscriptions, and others.
- Create a list of people who will need your new address.**
Whether you plan on sending formal change-of-address notices in the mail or just e-mailing the family members, friends, and colleagues who should be informed, a list will ensure no one gets left out.
- Contact utility companies.**
Make sure they're aware of your move date, and arrange for service at your new home if the service provider will remain the same.
- Check insurance coverage.**
The insurance your moving company provides will generally only cover the items they transport for you. Ensure you have coverage for any items you'll be moving yourself if valuable.
- Unplug, disassemble, and clean out appliances.**
This will make them easier to pack, move, and plug in at your new place.
- Pack an "Open First" box.**
Include items you'll need most, such as toilet paper, soap, trash bags, chargers, box cutters, scissors, hammer, screwdriver, pens and paper, cups and plates, water, snacks, towels, and basic toiletries.

If you're moving a long distance:

- Obtain copies of important records** from your doctor, dentist, pharmacy, veterinarian, and children's schools.
- E-mail a copy of your driving route** to a family member or friend.
- Empty your safe deposit box.**