

25 Tips for Moving Checklist

1.) One of the most important tips for moving is to pack an overnight bag (or box) containing essentials. Here is an overnight bag moving checklist:

Baby supplies (ex. diapers, formula, wipes)	Lightbulbs	Prescription medications (ex. birth control)
Basic tools (ex. screwdriver, hammer)	Nonperishable snacks	Shampoo
Bed linens	Over-the-counter medicine (ex. pain relievers)	Soap (ex. shower gel, body wash)
Cell phone (or some kind of telephone)	Disposable dishes (including cups and silverware)	Toothbrush
Cell phone charger	Face cleanser	Toothpaste
Change of clothes	First aid kit (including bandages)	Towels
Cleaning supplies (including a broom and paper towels)	Floss	Toys
Conditioner	Flashlight (bring some extra batteries)	Trash bags
Hairstyling products	Hair appliances (ex. hairdryer)	Wash clothes
	Pet food	Water

2.) Instead of splurging on bubble wrap, wrap breakable items in clothing. Use enough clothing so that items don't have any room to shift around in the box. If you don't have enough clothing, you can stuff cups and glasses with crumpled up newspaper.

3.) This tip for moving may seem pretty obvious but don't wait until the last minute to start packing. Instead, pack room by room and start with rooms that aren't often used such as the guest room.

4.) Before moving day arrives, head to your new place and do some pre-cleaning. It'll be much easier to get the place spic-and-span before all of your stuff is there.

5.) This tip for moving can save you money and time. Save money on boxes and time packing by leaving drawers intact. For example, remove a dresser drawer, leave the clothes in place, and simply put Press'n Seal or masking tape over the top.

6.) You might want to go ahead and just stock up on Press'n Seal. In addition to the tip for moving above, you can also use Press'n Seal to keep jewelry displays together.

7.) Place small parts (ex. screws) into sandwich or snack bags so they don't get lost during the move. You can use a piece of masking tape or sticker to label what the pieces go to.

8.) This tip for moving will save you time (and possibly a whopping dose of irritation) down the road. Take photos of how your electronics are connected so that you can remember how to set them up in your new place.

9.) Save money on boxes by putting laundry baskets, hampers, suitcases, and garbage bags to work.

10.) If you're bringing in professional movers to handle the labor, be sure to read the fine print for any strange rules or legalese that may be a problem. For example, many moving companies are only liable for broken items if they packed them. It may be a good idea to take photographs of valuables (including furniture) beforehand to document the condition.

11.) Save yourself a lot of stress by heeding this tip for moving: Change your address at least two weeks prior to vacating your current residence. This will help ensure you receive all of your bills and other mail.

12.) This tip for moving might actually make you some money! If you have items you'd like to unload but don't want to just give them away, list them on sites like eBay, Etsy, or Craigslist approximately 1 to 1.5 months before moving. If you think something isn't worth much, list it anyway... you'd be surprised at what people will buy.

13.) Hire a sitter (or coax a friend or relative into volunteering) for children and/or pets on moving day.

14.) Whether you're vacating a rental or selling your current home, you'll want to leave it clean for the new occupants. Plan how (and when) you'll clean it after removing all of your belongings. In addition, be sure to leave some cleaning supplies there for your use.

15.) This is another tip for moving that may seem pretty obvious but it really can save you money. Instead of buying boxes (which can cost well over \$2 a piece), get free boxes from friends, relatives, local businesses (ex grocery stores), and even Craigslist.

16.) Pack light items in big boxes and heavy items in small boxes; while this may seem counterintuitive, this strategy will help you avoid box breakage.

17.) Don't take items you don't need or use to your new place. Remove clutter before packing! If you haven't used an item in about a year and it doesn't have sentimental value, get rid of it.

18.) This tip for moving allows you to get creative and can even be fun. Instead of moving all those odds and ends taking up space in your fridge and pantry, come up with a new dish to use them. Scour Pinterest and the Internet for great ideas and inspiration. If all else fails, donate nonperishable items to the local food kitchen.

19.) Consider having any large rugs professionally cleaned before moving. Not only will you get a clean rug but they will return from the cleaners rolled and ready to move.

20.) Break down any and all possible items.

21.) This tip for moving may be a little more difficult than others. Be space conscious when packing the truck. Be sure to fill every nook and cranny. If it helps, think of it as a game of Tetris. It may be helpful to designate one person (who is reasonably good at geometry) to stay in the truck and arrange things as they are brought out.

22.) Take the time to carefully label or even color code boxes as this will make unpacking go much faster.

23.) Get help! Moving will be much easier and go much faster if you have ample assistance. Convince friends and family members to pitch in and help. Bribing them with pizza is typically a good starting point.

24.) This tip for moving requires a bit of organization skills but it's worth the effort. Put together a moving binder in which you can keep everything from receipts to the phone numbers of the utility companies.

25.) While children may be in the way on the actual moving day, get kids involved with the packing process. Often, children don't want to move – especially if it means changing schools. Getting them involved in the process can help them feel empowered and ready to face the unknown.