

Printable moving checklist for Canada

A practical timeline for preparing, moving day and settling in

8 or more weeks before the move

- ☐ Create a moving tracker for quotes, receipts and deadlines.
 - ☐ Set a budget for moving, supplies, storage and other costs.
 - ☐ Declutter and create a room-by-room household inventory.
 - ☐ Choose your moving date and moving method.
 - ☐ Gather addresses, access details and specialty-item information.
 - ☐ Compare written quotes, terms, fees and protection options.
 - ☐ Review school registration and tenancy notice requirements.
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6 weeks before the move

- ☐ Gather supplies and start packing non-essential items.
 - ☐ Decide whether you need short-term storage.
 - ☐ Confirm who will pack, disassemble and prepare appliances.
 - ☐ Check doorways, stairs, elevators, loading areas and parking.
 - ☐ Request time off and arrange help for children or pets.
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4 weeks before the move

- ☐ Update your address and arrange mail forwarding if needed.
 - ☐ Schedule utilities, Internet and insurance for the new home.
 - ☐ Plan safe care and updated identification for children and pets.
 - ☐ Check official requirements when moving to another province.
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2 weeks before the move

- ☐ Confirm dates, addresses, services and payment terms in writing.
 - ☐ Reserve elevators, loading areas and legal truck parking.
 - ☐ Agree on furniture and appliance preparation responsibilities.
 - ☐ Finish packing non-essentials and separate valuables.
 - ☐ Use up food and plan final cleaning and key return.
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The final week

- ☐ Photograph valuable belongings and record serial numbers.
- ☐ Back up documents and keep originals and medication with you.
- ☐ Label boxes and prepare a clearly marked essentials box.
- ☐ Photograph and label electronic connections.
- ☐ Reconfirm mover arrival, parking, elevators and contacts.

1 day before the move

- ☐ Pack a moving-day bag with keys, documents and medication.
- ☐ Clear walkways, protect floors and set aside last-minute supplies.
- ☐ Prepare appliances according to manufacturer instructions.
- ☐ Charge devices, check the weather and review the checklist.

Moving day

- ☐ Be ready before the movers arrive and keep paths clear.
- ☐ Review the inventory and keep copies of signed paperwork.
- ☐ Carry essentials, valuables and important documents yourself.
- ☐ Complete a final walkthrough, take photos and return keys.
- ☐ Check delivered items and document missing or damaged goods.

After the move

- ☐ Photograph the new home and note existing damage.
 - ☐ Test utilities, smoke alarms and essential services.
 - ☐ Inspect belongings and report problems within written deadlines.
 - ☐ Unpack essentials first, then work room by room.
 - ☐ Finish address and provincial document updates.
 - ☐ Secure the home and help children and pets settle in.
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