

LONG HAUL MOVES

LONG-DISTANCE MOVING CHECKLIST

A little planning goes a long way. Use this checklist to stay organized before moving day, during your long-distance move, and when your belongings arrive.

4-6 Weeks Before Your Move

- Choose your moving date and confirm your moving arrangements.
- Sort through belongings and decide what to keep, donate, sell, or discard.
- Create a simple inventory of furniture, boxes, and higher-value items.
- Gather important records, identification, school documents, and medical information.
- Start notifying employers, schools, subscriptions, and other important contacts of your upcoming move.

2 Weeks Before Your Move

- Confirm access, parking, elevators, gates, or other requirements at both locations.
- Arrange utility shutoff and start dates for your current and new homes.
- Submit your change of address and update important accounts and services.
- Pack items you will not need before moving day and clearly label boxes by room.
- Set aside medications, valuables, chargers, documents, and anything that should travel with you.

Final Week

- Confirm moving-day timing, addresses, phone numbers, and any special instructions.
- Finish packing and label boxes with the destination room and any fragile contents.
- Prepare an essentials bag with clothes, toiletries, medications, chargers, snacks, and basic supplies.
- Take photos of valuable items and electronics before they are moved.
- Make a plan for children, pets, plants, and items that will not travel on the moving truck.

Moving Day

- Keep your phone, identification, important documents, valuables, and medications with you.
- Walk through your home with the moving team and point out fragile or specialty items.
- Check closets, cabinets, storage areas, garage, attic, and outdoor spaces before leaving.
- Keep your preferred payment method handy for final payment, and gratuity if you choose to tip your moving crew.

Delivery Day

- Be available to provide access and direct boxes and furniture to the correct rooms.
- Check items as they are unloaded and note any visible damage or missing pieces.
- Confirm that major furniture and equipment are placed where you want them before the crew leaves.
- Do a final walkthrough of the truck and your new home before signing off on the move.

Need help planning your long-distance move?

Long Haul Moves can help coordinate the details so your move stays organized from pickup through delivery.

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