

Before You Move

Here is a handy list of things to check-off before you move to your new home.



- Make sure you connect & disconnect utilities: gas, electric, telephone, and cable.
- Decide how you are going to move your personal items and furniture.
- Have your car checked out before you travel.
- Fill out a change of address with the post office.
- Decide if you want to close your checking and other bank accounts.
- Discontinue delivery services.
- Clean out your closet and consider donating your unwanted clothes.
- Clean your current residence according to your landlord's move out instructions, you don't want to lose part of your security deposit for cleaning fees.
- Make sure you don't take anything that belongs to your landlord—it will cost you.



Moving

Packing

While you can purchase boxes from moving companies, many stores give away their empty boxes. Grocery and discount stores usually have plenty of boxes, and they are usually a good size for moving. Packing materials for valuables may be purchased at U-Haul or some discount stores. If your insurance does not cover valuables in transit, you may want to invest in a AAA (American Automobile Association) membership and purchase insurance from them or mail valuables and insure them with the post office at a minimal cost.



Movers

Many area movers are available to help with your move should you need it. Make sure the mover is insured and bonded.

Move-in Costs

Because of your security deposit, paying the first month's rent and application fees, the first month will be more expensive than others. You may also need to pay for items such as utility deposits or even furniture. It is very important to be prepared for the move-in.

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