

POINDEXTER MOVING & STORAGE

THE ULTIMATE MOVING CHECKLIST

A practical timeline from 8 weeks out through moving day

Moving has a lot of moving parts. This checklist is designed to help you stay organized, reduce last-minute stress, and know what to tackle as moving day gets closer. Keep it handy, check items off as you go, and reach out to Poindexter Moving & Storage whenever you need help.

Questions or ready to reserve your move?

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8 Weeks Before Moving Day

- Reserve your moving date with Poindexter Moving & Storage.
- Create a basic floor plan of your new home so you know where larger furniture and appliances will go.
- Make an inventory of your household goods and begin decluttering. Start with the garage, attic, closets, and storage areas.
- Create one folder - digital or physical - for estimates, receipts, contracts, and other moving paperwork.
- Arrange to transfer school records if needed.
- Schedule painters, contractors, plumbers, cleaners, or other work needed before you arrive at the new home.
- Consider changing or re-keying the locks at your new home.

6 Weeks Before Moving Day

- Submit your change of address with USPS and begin updating important accounts.
- Join community or neighborhood groups in your new area if you want to learn about local services and recommendations.
- Make storage arrangements if needed.
- Request medical, dental, veterinary, and school records as needed.
- Have antiques, artwork, or other high-value items appraised if appropriate.
- Clean out closets and drawers.
- Start using food, cleaning supplies, and other items that may not be practical to move.

4 Weeks Before Moving Day

- Schedule utility shutoff at your old home and activation at your new home. Avoid shutting services off too early.
- Confirm your moving details with Poindexter Moving & Storage.
- If packing yourself, gather boxes and packing materials and begin with items you will not need before the move.
- Arrange cleaning or repair of furniture, drapes, rugs, or carpeting if needed.
- Make plans for pets and plants.
- Review how your belongings are covered during transit and ask questions about valuation or coverage before moving day.
- Finalize travel plans for your move.
- Check whether your building, HOA, apartment, or neighborhood requires moving permits, elevator reservations, or certificates of insurance.
- Gather important personal, legal, financial, medical, veterinary, and school records in one secure place.

3 Weeks Before Moving Day

- Properly dispose of items movers cannot transport, including flammable or hazardous materials.
- If moving to another state, review vehicle registration and driver's license requirements.
- If moving in or out of an apartment or condo, confirm elevator and loading-area access.
- Arrange child care or pet care for moving day if helpful.
- Hold a garage sale, donate unwanted items, or schedule junk removal.

2 Weeks Before Moving Day

- Donate or dispose of anything you decided not to move.
- Service your vehicle if you will be driving a long distance.
- Update your address with banks, creditors, insurance providers, subscriptions, and other important accounts.
- Transfer prescriptions if necessary and make sure you have enough medication for the transition.
- Prepare information you may want to leave for the new owner or tenant.
- Start packing a suitcase with clothing, toiletries, medications, chargers, and essentials you will keep with you.

1 Week Before Moving Day

- Confirm your moving date, arrival window, addresses, access instructions, and any special items with your mover.
- Finish packing non-essential items and clearly label boxes by room.
- Set aside valuables, important documents, jewelry, medications, keys, and electronics that should travel with you.
- Prepare an essentials box for your first night: toiletries, towels, paper goods, chargers, basic tools, bedding, and a change of clothes.
- Pick up laundry, dry cleaning, prescriptions, and any items being repaired.
- Make sure parking, gate codes, elevator reservations, and building access are ready for moving day.

The Day Before Moving Day

- Confirm travel reservations and your plan for pets and children.
- Drain fuel or oil from power equipment and empty water from hoses when applicable.
- Disconnect and prepare appliances that require advance preparation.
- Set aside everything traveling in your personal vehicle so it is not accidentally loaded.
- Clearly mark boxes you will need first at the new home as 'LOAD LAST / UNLOAD FIRST' and point them out during the crew walk-through.
- Charge your phone and keep your moving paperwork, IDs, payment method, and keys accessible.
- Do a final walk-through of cabinets, closets, attic, garage, patio, and outdoor storage.

Moving Day

- Have an adult available at the origin to answer questions and complete the walk-through with the crew.
- Point out fragile, high-value, unusually heavy, or special-handling items before loading begins.
- Keep valuables, medications, important documents, keys, and personal electronics with you.
- Before the truck leaves, check every room, closet, cabinet, garage, patio, and storage area.
- At delivery, direct furniture placement and identify any boxes or items you need first.
- Complete a final walk-through after unloading and make sure everything has been delivered to the correct areas.

ANTHONY'S MOVING DAY TIPS

A few practical reminders from 15+ years in the moving industry

Keep a 'do not load' zone.

Put keys, medications, paperwork, laptops, chargers, valuables, and anything traveling with you in one clearly marked area.

Label by destination, not just contents.

A box marked 'Kitchen - New House' is much easier to place quickly than a box marked 'Misc.'

Tell the crew what matters most.

Point out fragile pieces, antiques, artwork, sentimental items, and anything unusually heavy during the initial walk-through.

Don't pack your essentials too deep.

Your first-night box should be easy to identify and one of the last things loaded.

Make access easy.

Clear walkways, reserve elevators, unlock gates, and make sure the truck has a safe place to park.

Ask questions before move day.

If something about pricing, packing, coverage, access, or timing is unclear, get it answered before the crew arrives.

Do one final empty-house walk-through.

Open every closet, cabinet, drawer, garage area, patio, and storage space before leaving.

Need help with packing, moving, storage, specialty items, or a long-distance move? Call Poindexter Moving & Storage at 480-903-7605.