



8 Weeks Before

Call Your State Farm® Agent

- Your current agent can help you with your insurance policies and, if necessary, help you find an agent in your new location.

What's Your Moving Strategy?

- It's time to start making decisions. Consider, for instance, if you're hiring movers or asking your friends to help you move. Will you move during the week or on the weekend? Also, before you start packing, you could take a look at the floor plan of your new home to decide where things will go.

Think About Your Money

- If you'll be using movers, call them for estimates and [ask about obtaining moving insurance](#). Remember that your valuables could be at risk during the moving process.

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7 Weeks Before

Meet With Movers or Friends Who'll be Helping

- Most moving companies will visit you at home to do an estimate based on your items. If you decide to use professionals, meet with several companies to compare services and costs. If you prefer to get help from friends, discuss what you'd like them to help you with.

Start Transferring Records

- Moving out of town? Gather medical and dental records, and find a doctor in your new neighborhood. If you have children, transfer their school records to your new district, and send along any other important documents.

Pack: Sort and Purge

- Decide what's coming to the new house and what you prefer to donate, give away or toss. Consider organizing a garage sale to sell some of your items or donate them to a local charity. Don't forget to keep receipts for tax purposes.

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6 Weeks Before

Confirm a Date with Movers or Friends

- After considering all your estimates, choose a moving company – or coordinate a moving plan with the friends who are willing to help. Select your move date taking under consideration that some movers offer cheaper rates on certain days of the week or specific times during the month, so be sure to ask. If you recruited friends to help, make sure you arrange for their food and drinks for the entire day.

Start Packing: Sort Valuables

- Use our [Home Inventory tools](#) to keep a list of your items with pictures. We recommend you keep valuables with you, or consider mailing them, with insurance, to your new home.

Change Address

- Changing your address early will help avoid unnecessary mail delays. You can find a change of address form at the post office or online on the USPS Web site. Also, [change your address with State Farm.](#)

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Start Packing: Get Supplies

- Purchase supplies like packing tape, bubble wrap, furniture pads and mattress protectors. And, be sure to have plenty of boxes on hand.

Use It or Lose It

- Those steaks sitting in the freezer? There's no better time to grill 'em. You should also use cleaning products you don't want to move. Use or consume anything you don't want to move.

Considering a Storage Unit

- Not moving in right away? Make plans to find a place where you can store everything in the interim. You can use a temporary storage for newly purchased furniture and other belongings.

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4 Weeks Before

Transfer Utilities

- Decide on a date to disconnect all utilities at your current home and when to connect them at your new one. If selling a home, plan to have utilities turned off when your ownership ends or when agreed upon in the sales contract. For the new home, schedule utilities to be turned on the day before you arrive. Also, be sure to collect any utility deposits.

Consider Your Pets

- Think about any special care or medications your pets may require during the move. Find a vet near your new home, and transfer records there. Don't forget to make lodging or travel arrangements for the days you'll be moving.

Think About Your Car

- If you're shipping your car to your new location, make sure to research auto shipping companies. If you're moving to a new state, register your car at your new address shortly after getting settled.

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3 Weeks Before

Label: Boxes With Basic Content

- For each room you pack, set aside one box that contains everything you'll need the first few days in your new home. Use labels to know these are the boxes you should open first, so you can easily find cleaning supplies, tools, eating utensils, etc.

Pack: The Non-Essentials Items

- We recommend you pack first the items that you use with least frequency.

Consider Hard-To-Pack Items

- Plants are an example of items that don't travel well, so decide whether to keep them or give them away. Use up or dispose of any flammable or hazardous materials; most moving companies will not ship them.

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Start Saying Goodbye

- Moving often means leaving important friends, family and your favorite places behind. Take the time to say goodbye to people and to visit places that hold happy memories. Consider hosting an informal open house or barbecue to say your final farewell.

Prepare To Move Big Items

- Set an appointment for a service technician to prepare major appliances for your move. Clean rugs and draperies, and don't forget to cover them in order to protect them. We don't recommend that you clean upholstered furniture. The moisture could turn into mold and damage the furniture.

Make Travel Plans

- You don't want to be stuck in the middle of nowhere with your family, a car full of possessions and no place to stay. Make hotel reservations, arrange for childcare, and ensure your pets have lodging, too.

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2 Weeks Before

Schedule Time Off From Work

- Working and moving on the same day is not ideal. Schedule time to take care of moving details.

Manage Your Bank Accounts

- Does your bank have a branch in your new area? If not, you may need to open an account at a new bank. Before you leave, remember to clean out any safe deposit boxes. Also, update account information for online bill pay.

Schedule A Car Tune Up

- Make sure the oil is changed, tires are inflated, and the car is in good working order before you hit the road.

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1 Week Before

Pack: What You'll Need

- For easy access to clothes, toiletries and medications, consider packing a few suitcases. Don't forget to fill any prescriptions, and keep a few of your kids' favorite toys on hand.

Prepare Appliances

- Empty, defrost and clean your refrigerator at least one day before you move. Unplug all electronic appliances 24 hours before you move so they're not hot. Take extra care when moving computers.

Check in With Movers Or Friends

- Check in with your movers, or the friends who will be helping you, to confirm that everything is in order. Make sure they have your current and future addresses and the start time of your move.

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Moving Day

Stay Close To Home

- If you hired movers, make sure to be home when they arrive. Keep your cell phone with you, so you're available to answer any questions.

Before You Load

- Make sure everything is ready to load before moving day. Before you load a single item, check the truck, trailer, or portable container for cracks, leaks, or other signs of wear. Raise any concerns with the movers.

Loading

- It's easiest to load the truck if you decide before hand where everything goes. Load the items you need the least first, and then load the boxes with the most essential content.

Close Up House

- Check all closets, cabinets and rooms to make sure you didn't leave anything. Take out the garbage, lock the windows, and leave a note with your contact information for the new owners.

Arriving At Your New Location

- Chances are you'll arrive at your new home before your movers do. Make sure all the utilities have been connected. You'll need cash or a cashier's check on hand to pay the movers; or pizza to thank your friends.

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