



Last-Minute Move Checklist

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Safety & Survival

- Charge your phone the night before.
- Pack a travel kit containing:
 - Bottled water and dry snacks
 - LED flashlight, duct tape and extension cord
 - Emergency roadside kit
 - First-aid kit
 - Battery- or crank-operated radio
- Check your tires.
- Keep your moving-truck insurance and emergency numbers in glove compartment.
- Visit the ATM and take out cash. If you hired movers, be prepared to tip.
- Have every family member pack one suitcase containing:
 - Favorite toy
 - Prescriptions and painkillers
 - Reading material
 - A change of clothes, sleepwear and toothbrush
- Double-check pet arrangements. Pack dog/cat crate or carrier, confirm air travel, and pack a pet travel kit with water and food bowls, doggie bags, litter box, food, treats, leashes, collars and tranquilizer.
- Pack favorite foods such as bread, peanut butter, apples, nuts, crackers, granola and milk.
- Pack travel plates, bowls, utensils and napkins.
- Pack diaper bag, baby formula, bottles, extra clothes and blankets for baby.
- Pack a handy toolbox with hanging nails, hammer, screwdriver, tape measure, box cutter and pen/marker.
- Gather required parking permits and access codes for new home.
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Comforts

- Pack a bedding box containing sheets, mattress pad, pillows and blankets.
- Pack a kitchen-and-bathroom box:
 - Bar of soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, bath towels
 - Shampoo, conditioner, other toiletries
 - Shower curtain, bath mat, bedroom curtain
 - Can opener, canned food, small saucepan, corkscrew
 - Paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins
 - Kitchen towels, dish soap, light bulbs
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- Pack a cleaning-supplies box:
 - All-purpose, glass and floor cleaners
 - Sponges, broom, bucket, mop, dustpan
 - Paper towels, rags, trash bags
- Unsure of the water quality? Pack a water filter.
- Pack entertainment for the road such as hand-held games, DVDs, car games and sing-along music.
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Good Ideas

- Defrost fridge.
- Open washing machine door to prevent mold.
- Unplug electronics 24 hours in advance.
- Collect all hidden items such as hide-a-keys.
- Take the garage door opener out of your car and leave it for new occupants.
- Perform a full-house cleaning of your old property and dispose of garbage to leave it fresh for new occupants.
- Pack jewelry and small family heirlooms close to you during the move.
- Taking houseplants? Water and pack them to ensure they don't tip or spill en route.
- Scope out restaurants in the area using Yelp.
- Mark extra-fragile boxes before loading.
- Take a last look around your old property and make sure:
 - Water, furnace and air conditioner are shut off
 - Light switches are off
 - All utilities are arranged for disconnection
 - Windows are shut and locked
 - You have left keys behind
 - You haven't left anything behind (except for keys)
- Make time for goodbyes.
- Download helpful "apps for moving" on your smartphone.
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