


Moving

CHECKLIST

TWO MONTHS PRIOR

- Start house hunting!
- Work with a realtor to prepare your home for sale. This includes listing your home, scheduling inspections and setting your closing date.
PRO TIP! *If you don't have a real estate agent yet, we know some fantastic agents and brokers!*
- Take photos. Before you start moving preparations, take photos of your home to look back on.
PRO TIP! *Document the journey to capture special memories, and maybe even identify a keepsake or treasure.*
- Start decluttering! In each room, decide what stays and what goes. And don't forget the basement attic and garage.
PRO TIP! *Consider what you'll need where you're moving: (Will you really need that snow shovel in Miami? Maybe donate or sell instead of taking it!)*
- Take inventory of valuables you're taking— with photos and written descriptions
PRO TIP! *Movers take inventory, but keep your own records, too. Take a video while you open closets, storage totes, drawers, etc. for easy documentation.*
- Organize records. If you have kids, arrange a record transfer from their current schools. Get copies of everyone's medical records, and get recommendations for doctors in your new community. Also organize your personal documents, birth certificates, marriage certificates, Social Security cards, etc.
PRO TIP! *Discovering local amenities can ease your transition. Check for a nearby yoga studio, gym, or coffee shop in your new community while your mover handles the logistics, allowing you to prepare for settling in.*

5 TO 6 WEEKS PRIOR

- Choose your moving company partner. Make reservations with plenty of time in advance to secure your ideal day and time.
PRO TIP! *As you consider moving companies, look out for red flags: a lack of license/insurance, no written contract, ANY up-front deposits, poor reviews, unprofessional equipment, a physical address that's not in your market, cash-only payments, and a lack of transparency.*
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Book and sign a contract with Scobey to be confident you're getting a reputable moving company who'll deliver great results!
- Finalize real estate or rental needs. Renters: Communicate with your landlord about upcoming move for move-out guidelines or policies you'll need to follow. Buyers: Talk with your realtor about specifics of your closing date, etc.
PRO TIP! *When do you need to be out of your house? The move-out date is approximately the center point of your move — and you can work backward and forward from there.*
 - Prepare your family for the move. Start the conversation early to prepare them for the transition. If possible, arrange to visit your new home with your family
PRO TIP! *Moving can be tough for families, but open and supportive conversations can make the transition smoother and more positive.*