Moving can be an exciting experience, a stressful one, or somewhere in between. By using the tips below, we hope to help you make the experience a positive one.

### Moving Countdown Checklist

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| 2 Months to Go | - Start going through everything and decide what you want to move and what you want to get rid of.  
- Create a floor plan to determine what will fit in the space.  
- Start your rental file to keep track of your receipts, moving records, and rental information.  
- Determine if you need to rent a truck or if your friends can help you move.  
- If you need to rent a truck, compare costs from at least three different rental truck companies (make sure you ask for all fees that may apply). |
| 1 Week to Go | - Get boxes and other packing supplies.  
- Get a "Change of Address Form" and change your address at any post office. You can also do it online at www.usps.gov for a fee.  
- Schedule connection of all utilities to your new place.  
- Collect important documents to keep with you during the move, such as birth certificate, medical records, legal and financial documents, passport and insurance documents. Don’t pack them! |
| 2 Weeks to Go | - Start packing, beginning with things that you don’t frequently use.  
- Dispose of items that cannot be moved.  
- Aim to finish packing a couple of days before the moving date. Label and number the boxes to make it easier to identify the things you will need right away.  
- Set aside things that you will personally transport to your new place, such as valuables and important files.  
- Confirm move-in date with the landlord. |
| 1 Week to Go | - Dismantle beds and other large furniture that you will be taking with you.  
- Confirm your moving help (friends, rental truck, etc.). |
| 2-3 Days to Go | - Get boxes and other packing supplies.  
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### Packing a Travel Kit

- **Keys and Directions to Your New Place**
- **Payment for the Movers**
- **Toiletries**
  - Towels
  - Soap
  - Toilet paper
  - Toothbrush
- **Kitchen**
  - Paper towels
  - Sponges
  - Glassware
  - Water
  - Snacks
  - Paper plates
  - Cups
  - Plastic utensils
- **Personal Electronics**
  - Cell phone and charger
  - Alarm clock
  - Camera
- **Important Financial Docs**
  - Checkbook
  - ID
  - Credit cards
- **Basic Tools**
  - Hammer
  - Nails
  - Screwdriver
  - Masking tape
  - Tape measure
  - Flashlight
  - Light bulbs
  - Pocket knife
- **Medical Necessities**
  - Aspirin
  - Eyeglasses
  - Bandages
  - Prescription drugs
- **Change of Clothes**
- **Pet Stuff** (if applicable)
  - Food
  - Dishes

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