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Includes master bedroom and bath, children's rooms, kitchen, laundry, mudroom, dining room, drawing room, pantry, boiler room, basement, storage spaces, patio, terraces, balconies, gardens, and commonly missed rooms.

Use the checkboxes as a working list. Keep the essentials, documents, and first-night boxes with you during the move.

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How to use this Checklist

This moving house master checklist is designed to help you plan, declutter, pack, clean, and settle into your new home one step at a time.

Start with the master system and timeline, then work through the rooms and sections that apply to your home.

You can cross out anything that doesn't fit.

I've added plenty of planning space within these pages so that you get the most out of your experience.

There are checklists that you can tweak according to your unique needs, as well as notes sections on many pages.

I love creating printables for my readers and subscribers. If you loved this moving checklist, then please let me know.

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A printable, room-by-room checklist for planning, decluttering, packing, cleaning, moving day, and first-night setup.

Use this as a master checklist for keeping on top of things. Cross out rooms that do not apply, add your own notes, and keep the first-night and moving-day sections close until the end.

1. Master Moving System

Create your moving command center

- [] Choose one moving notebook, binder, or digital folder.
- [] Create sections for moving dates.
- [] Create sections for room-by-room packing.
- [] Create sections for utilities and services.
- [] Create sections for address changes.
- [] Create sections for donation, selling, recycling, and disposal.
- [] Create sections for important documents.
- [] Create sections for moving company, van rental, or helper details.
- [] Create sections for first-night essentials.
- [] Create sections for cleaning tasks.
- [] Create sections for new house setup.
- [] Keep all moving receipts in one folder.
- [] Keep all contracts, quotes, and booking confirmations together.
- [] Create a master inventory list.
- [] Create a box-numbering system.
- [] Decide where packed boxes will be staged.
- [] Create a donation area.
- [] Create a selling area.
- [] Create a recycling and trash area.
- [] Create a limited 'decide later' area.
- [] Create an 'open first' area.
- [] Create a 'do not pack' area.
- [] Create a small packing station with tape, scissors, labels, markers, zip bags, and notebook.
- [] Keep the packing station in one consistent place.

Labeling system

- [] Label every box with the room name.
- [] Label every box with a contents description.
- [] Label every box with a priority level.
- [] Label fragile, heavy, or keep-upright boxes clearly.
- [] Label at least two sides of each box.
- [] Add box numbers if you are making an inventory.
- [] Mark "open first" boxes clearly.
- [] Mark "do not load" items clearly.

Priority system

- [] Open first - needed immediately.
- [] High priority - needed within the first few days.

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Tip: Label boxes by room, contents, priority, and fragility.

- [] Medium priority - needed within the first few weeks.
- [] Low priority - seasonal, decorative, storage, or archive.
- [] Do not load - travels with you personally.
- [] Fragile - glass, ceramics, art, electronics, delicate objects.
- [] Heavy - books, tools, pantry cans, weights.
- [] Keep upright - liquids, plants, pantry jars, cleaning supplies.
- [] Sentimental - open gently.
- [] Important documents - keep with you.

2. Supplies Checklist

Packing supplies

- [] Small boxes.
- [] Medium boxes.
- [] Large boxes.
- [] Heavy-duty boxes.
- [] Wardrobe boxes.
- [] Dish boxes or divided glassware boxes.
- [] Picture and mirror boxes.
- [] TV box or screen protection.
- [] Mattress bags.
- [] Furniture blankets.
- [] Packing paper.
- [] Bubble wrap or honeycomb wrap.
- [] Tissue paper.
- [] Stretch wrap.
- [] Packing tape.
- [] Painter's tape.
- [] Masking tape.
- [] Fragile stickers.
- [] Labels.
- [] Permanent markers.
- [] Scissors.
- [] Box cutter.
- [] Zip bags in several sizes.
- [] Trash bags.
- [] Donation bags.
- [] Vacuum storage bags.
- [] Rubber bands.
- [] Cable ties.
- [] Twist ties.
- [] Moving straps.
- [] Furniture sliders.

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- ☐ Gloves.
- ☐ Floor protection.
- ☐ Doorframe protection.
- ☐ Plastic bins for liquids.
- ☐ Waterproof bins for outdoor, basement, and garage items.

Cleaning supplies

- ☐ All-purpose cleaner.
- ☐ Glass cleaner.
- ☐ Bathroom cleaner.
- ☐ Kitchen degreaser.
- ☐ Disinfectant.
- ☐ Floor cleaner.
- ☐ Wood cleaner.
- ☐ Sponges.
- ☐ Microfiber cloths.
- ☐ Paper towels.
- ☐ Mop.
- ☐ Bucket.
- ☐ Broom.
- ☐ Dustpan.
- ☐ Vacuum.
- ☐ Vacuum bags or filters.
- ☐ Toilet brush.
- ☐ Trash bags.
- ☐ Rubber gloves.
- ☐ Scrub brush.
- ☐ Limescale remover.
- ☐ Oven cleaner.
- ☐ Drain cleaner, only if safe for your plumbing.
- ☐ Air freshener or odor absorber.

Moving-day comfort supplies

- ☐ Water bottles.
- ☐ Snacks.
- ☐ Coffee or tea.
- ☐ Pain reliever.
- ☐ First aid kit.
- ☐ Tissues.
- ☐ Hand sanitizer.
- ☐ Toilet paper.
- ☐ Paper towels.
- ☐ Phone chargers.
- ☐ Power banks.
- ☐ Basic tools.

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[] Child comfort items, if applicable.

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[] Create moving budget.

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[] Pack decor.

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- [] Pack off-season clothing.
- [] Sell unwanted furniture.
- [] Donate unwanted clothing.
- [] Dispose of broken items.
- [] Gather important documents.
- [] Start address-change list.
- [] Notify schools or childcare providers if needed.
- [] Transfer medical, dental, or veterinary records if needed.
- [] Book cleaners if using professional cleaners.
- [] Book handyman, gardener, or waste removal if needed.
- [] Make a list of utilities to cancel or transfer.
- [] Schedule internet installation at new home.
- [] Schedule appliance disconnection if needed.
- [] Schedule appliance installation if needed.

4 to 6 weeks before moving

- [] Pack storage areas.
- [] Pack basement non-essentials.
- [] Pack guest areas.
- [] Pack formal dining items.
- [] Pack drawing room decor.
- [] Pack off-season clothing.
- [] Pack extra linens.
- [] Pack rarely used appliances.
- [] Pack excess toys.
- [] Pack files and archived documents.
- [] Start labeling every box clearly.
- [] Make inventory of valuable items.
- [] Photograph electronics setups.
- [] Photograph valuable furniture before moving.
- [] Confirm moving company details.
- [] Confirm parking arrangements.
- [] Start deep cleaning rooms that are already packed.
- [] Continue using freezer and pantry items.
- [] Arrange mail forwarding.
- [] Update subscriptions and deliveries.
- [] Notify banks, insurance, employer, and official services of address change.

2 to 3 weeks before moving

- [] Pack most decor.
- [] Pack most books.
- [] Pack extra dishes.
- [] Pack servingware.
- [] Pack guest bath extras.
- [] Pack children's extra toys and books.

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- ☐ Pack spare bedding.

☐ Pack hobby supplies.

☐ Pack garden decor.

☐ Pack patio cushions if weather allows.

☐ Organize important documents folder.

☐ Create first-night boxes.

☐ Create moving-day essentials bag.

☐ Create cleaning kit.

☐ Create tool kit.

☐ Create bathroom essentials pouch.

☐ Create child essentials bag.

☐ Create pet essentials bag if needed.

☐ Confirm final utility readings plan.

☐ Confirm movers again.

☐ Confirm new home keys.

☐ Arrange final trash pickup or disposal.

☐ Start defrosting plan for freezer if needed.

☐ Finish donation drop-offs.

☐ Return borrowed items.

☐ Collect items from dry cleaner, tailor, friends, school, or office.

1 week before moving

- ☐ Pack most of the kitchen.

☐ Pack most clothes.

☐ Pack most bathroom items.

☐ Pack laundry room extras.

☐ Pack office supplies.

☐ Pack all non-essential children's items.

☐ Prepare final-week clothing.

☐ Prepare final-week kitchen box.

☐ Prepare final-week bathroom pouch.

☐ Prepare first-night bedroom box.

☐ Prepare first-night children's box.

☐ Prepare cleaning kit.

☐ Prepare moving-day bag.

☐ Confirm mover arrival time.

☐ Confirm access to new home.

☐ Confirm payment method for movers.

☐ Empty and clean outdoor bins if needed.

☐ Empty fridge as much as possible.

☐ Use or dispose of open liquids.

☐ Back up computers.

☐ Charge power banks.

☐ Wash remaining laundry.

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- [] Wash bedding that will travel.
- [] Take photos of utility meters.
- [] Take photos of the home before leaving if renting.
- [] Take photos of any existing damage in the new home upon arrival.

Day before moving

- [] Finish all packing except essentials.
- [] Pack suitcases.
- [] Pack children's overnight bags.
- [] Pack bathroom essentials.
- [] Pack toiletries.
- [] Pack remaining food.
- [] Pack fridge items in cooler if moving locally.
- [] Defrost freezer if needed.
- [] Empty trash.
- [] Charge phones.
- [] Charge power banks.
- [] Charge laptops.
- [] Prepare snacks and drinks.
- [] Place important documents in your personal bag.
- [] Place keys in your personal bag.
- [] Place medication in your personal bag.
- [] Place valuables in your personal bag.
- [] Place jewelry in your personal bag.
- [] Place passports and IDs in your personal bag.
- [] Place mover payment or tip in an envelope if needed.
- [] Clear pathways.
- [] Protect floors if necessary.
- [] Reserve parking space if needed.
- [] Sleep as early as possible.

Moving day

- [] Eat breakfast.
- [] Dress comfortably.
- [] Keep essentials bag with you.
- [] Keep documents with you.
- [] Keep valuables with you.
- [] Walk movers through the home.
- [] Point out fragile items.
- [] Point out boxes marked 'open first.'
- [] Point out items that are not moving.
- [] Keep children and pets safe and away from moving paths.
- [] Check every room before leaving.
- [] Check every closet.
- [] Check every drawer.

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☐ Check every cabinet.							
☐ Check dishwasher.							
☐ Check oven.							
☐ Check washer and dryer.							
☐ Check attic, basement, garage, shed, patio, balconies, terraces, and garden.							
☐ Take final meter readings.							
☐ Take photos of empty rooms.							
☐ Take photos of cleaned condition.							
☐ Lock windows.							
☐ Turn off lights.							
☐ Return keys as required.							
☐ At the new home, direct boxes to correct rooms.							
☐ Check furniture placement.							
☐ Check for damage.							
☐ Set up bed first.							
☐ Set up bathroom basics.							
☐ Set up kitchen basics.							
☐ Plug in chargers.							
☐ Feed everyone.							
☐ Stop before exhaustion.							

4. Personal Essentials to Keep With You

☐ Passports.							
☐ IDs.							
☐ Visas or residency documents.							
☐ Birth certificates.							
☐ Marriage certificate.							
☐ Medical records.							
☐ Insurance documents.							
☐ Lease or purchase documents.							
☐ Moving contract.							
☐ Keys.							
☐ Wallet.							
☐ Bank cards.							
☐ Cash.							
☐ Jewelry.							
☐ Watches.							
☐ Sentimental valuables.							
☐ Medication.							
☐ Glasses.							
☐ Contact lenses.							
☐ Phone.							
☐ Laptop.							

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☐ Chargers.							
☐ Power bank.							
☐ Child comfort items.							
☐ Pet documents.							
☐ School documents.							
☐ Work laptop.							
☐ Hard drives.							
☐ Important passwords or password manager access.							
☐ Basic toiletries.							
☐ Change of clothes.							
☐ Snacks.							
☐ Water.							

5. First-Night Boxes

Adult first-night box

☐ Clean sheets.							
☐ Pillowcases.							
☐ Duvet or blanket.							
☐ Pajamas.							
☐ Fresh underwear.							
☐ Fresh socks.							
☐ Next-day outfit.							
☐ Towel.							
☐ Toothbrush.							
☐ Toothpaste.							
☐ Face wash.							
☐ Moisturizer.							
☐ Deodorant.							
☐ Hairbrush.							
☐ Medication.							
☐ Phone charger.							
☐ Glasses or contacts.							
☐ Toilet paper.							
☐ Hand soap.							
☐ Small lamp or nightlight.							
☐ One comforting item.							

Children's first-night box

☐ Pajamas.							
☐ Next-day outfit.							
☐ Underwear.							
☐ Socks.							
☐ Favorite blanket.							

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- ☐ Favorite stuffed animal.

☐ Favorite book.

☐ Nightlight.

☐ Sound machine if used.

☐ Diapers or pull-ups if needed.

☐ Wipes.

☐ Toothbrush.

☐ Toothpaste.

☐ Hairbrush.

☐ Bath towel.

☐ Child medication.

☐ Snacks.

☐ Water bottle.

☐ Small toy.

☐ School items needed next day.

Kitchen first-night box

- ☐ Plates.

☐ Bowls.

☐ Mugs.

☐ Cups.

☐ Cutlery.

☐ One pot.

☐ One pan.

☐ Cutting board.

☐ Knife with blade guard.

☐ Sponge.

☐ Dish soap.

☐ Tea towel.

☐ Paper towels.

☐ Trash bags.

☐ Tea or coffee.

☐ Kettle or coffee maker.

☐ Snacks.

☐ Simple breakfast food.

☐ Bottle opener or can opener.

☐ Salt and pepper.

Bathroom first-night box

- ☐ Toilet paper.

☐ Hand soap.

☐ Towels.

☐ Shower gel.

☐ Shampoo.

☐ Conditioner.

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6. Room-by-Room Checklist

Entryway, foyer, and hallway

Declutter

- ☐ Sort shoes.
- ☐ Donate shoes not worn.
- ☐ Repair shoes worth keeping.
- ☐ Dispose of damaged shoes.
- ☐ Sort coats.
- ☐ Donate unused coats.
- ☐ Sort bags.
- ☐ Empty every handbag, backpack, and tote.
- ☐ Check pockets.
- ☐ Sort umbrellas.
- ☐ Sort hats, gloves, and scarves.
- ☐ Sort keys.
- ☐ Label spare keys.
- ☐ Return keys that do not belong to you.
- ☐ Sort mail and papers.
- ☐ Recycle old flyers and envelopes.
- ☐ Sort sunglasses.
- ☐ Sort pet walking items if applicable.

Pack

- ☐ Pack off-season shoes.
- ☐ Pack off-season coats.
- ☐ Pack extra bags.
- ☐ Pack seasonal accessories.
- ☐ Pack decorative entryway items.
- ☐ Pack shoe care items.
- ☐ Pack spare umbrellas.
- ☐ Keep daily shoes out.
- ☐ Keep current coats out.
- ☐ Keep keys accessible.
- ☐ Keep one bag for moving-day essentials.

Clean

- ☐ Wipe entry table.
- ☐ Clean mirror.
- ☐ Vacuum shoe area.
- ☐ Mop floor.
- ☐ Wipe hooks.
- ☐ Wipe door handles.
- ☐ Clean inside coat closet.

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[] Check behind doors.

Master bedroom

Declutter

- [] Sort wardrobe by category.
- [] Sort coats.
- [] Sort jackets.
- [] Sort sweaters.
- [] Sort trousers.
- [] Sort jeans.
- [] Sort dresses.
- [] Sort suits.
- [] Sort shirts.
- [] Sort T-shirts.
- [] Sort activewear.
- [] Sort sleepwear.
- [] Sort underwear.
- [] Sort socks.
- [] Sort seasonal clothing.
- [] Sort special occasion clothing.
- [] Sort shoes.
- [] Sort bags.
- [] Sort belts.
- [] Sort scarves.
- [] Sort hats.
- [] Sort jewelry.
- [] Sort watches.
- [] Sort bedside drawers.
- [] Sort books.
- [] Sort sentimental items.
- [] Sort old receipts and papers.
- [] Sort laundry basket.
- [] Sort items under the bed.
- [] Sort items on top of wardrobe.
- [] Sort storage benches or ottomans.

Pack

- [] Pack off-season clothing first.
- [] Pack formal clothing.
- [] Pack rarely worn shoes.
- [] Pack extra bags.
- [] Pack accessories in pouches.
- [] Pack jewelry separately and keep valuables with you.
- [] Pack extra books.
- [] Pack decor.

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- ☐ Check all skincare.
- ☐ Check all makeup.
- ☐ Check all hair products.
- ☐ Check all medicine.
- ☐ Check first aid items.

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[] Explain the move in age-appropriate language.

- [] Let children choose comfort items to keep with them.
- [] Let children decorate or label one box if helpful.
- [] Photograph their room before packing.
- [] Keep bedtime routine items until the end.
- [] Avoid packing favorite toys too early.
- [] Create a child moving-day bag.

Declutter

- [] Sort clothes by size.
- [] Remove outgrown clothes.
- [] Sort shoes.
- [] Remove outgrown shoes.
- [] Sort toys.
- [] Sort broken toys.
- [] Sort stuffed animals.
- [] Sort books.
- [] Sort puzzles.
- [] Sort art supplies.
- [] Sort school supplies.
- [] Sort sentimental art.
- [] Sort bedding.
- [] Sort under-bed storage.
- [] Sort closet.
- [] Sort drawers.
- [] Sort dress-up clothes.
- [] Sort sports items.
- [] Sort collections.
- [] Sort electronics or tablets.
- [] Sort chargers.
- [] Sort nightstand items.

Pack

- [] Pack out-of-season clothing.
- [] Pack outgrown clothes for donation.
- [] Pack extra toys.
- [] Pack books not currently used.
- [] Pack puzzles and games.
- [] Pack decor.
- [] Pack wall art.
- [] Pack extra bedding.
- [] Pack school papers to keep.
- [] Pack sentimental artwork flat.
- [] Pack fragile keepsakes separately.
- [] Pack toys by category.
- [] Label toy boxes clearly.

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- ☐ Keep favorite toys out.
- ☐ Keep bedtime books out.
- ☐ Keep favorite blanket out.
- ☐ Keep nightlight out.
- ☐ Keep sound machine out if used.
- ☐ Keep next-day clothes out.
- ☐ Keep school bag accessible.

Child essentials bag

- ☐ Pajamas.
- ☐ Next-day outfit.
- ☐ Underwear.
- ☐ Socks.
- ☐ Comfort toy.
- ☐ Favorite blanket.
- ☐ Favorite book.
- ☐ Water bottle.
- ☐ Snacks.
- ☐ Toothbrush.
- ☐ Toothpaste.
- ☐ Hairbrush.
- ☐ Medication.
- ☐ Tablet and charger if used.
- ☐ Headphones if used.
- ☐ Nightlight.
- ☐ Diapers and wipes if needed.

Clean

- ☐ Dust shelves.
- ☐ Wipe furniture.
- ☐ Clean inside drawers.
- ☐ Vacuum under bed.
- ☐ Clean closet floor.
- ☐ Remove stickers if required.
- ☐ Patch wall holes if required.
- ☐ Clean windowsill.
- ☐ Vacuum and mop floor.

Children's bathroom

Declutter

- ☐ Sort bath toys.
- ☐ Dispose of moldy bath toys.
- ☐ Sort children's toiletries.
- ☐ Check expiration dates.
- ☐ Sort medicines.

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- ☐ Sort towels.
- ☐ Sort washcloths.
- ☐ Sort hair accessories.
- ☐ Sort toothbrushes.
- ☐ Sort step stools.
- ☐ Sort potty-training items if applicable.
- ☐ Sort diapers, wipes, and bath supplies if applicable.

Pack

- ☐ Pack extra towels.
- ☐ Pack extra bath toys.
- ☐ Pack backup toiletries.
- ☐ Pack hair accessories in zip bags.
- ☐ Pack bath products upright.
- ☐ Seal liquids.
- ☐ Keep daily toiletries out.
- ☐ Keep children's medication with you.
- ☐ Keep one towel per child out.
- ☐ Keep toothbrushes accessible.
- ☐ Keep bath mat out until the end.

Clean

- ☐ Clean sink.
- ☐ Clean mirror.
- ☐ Clean tub.
- ☐ Clean shower.
- ☐ Clean toilet.
- ☐ Clean cabinets.
- ☐ Clean drawers.
- ☐ Remove bath toy residue.
- ☐ Mop floor.
- ☐ Empty trash.

Guest bedroom

Declutter

- ☐ Sort bedding.
- ☐ Sort pillows.
- ☐ Sort blankets.
- ☐ Sort guest towels.
- ☐ Sort closet contents.
- ☐ Sort stored clothes.
- ☐ Sort luggage.
- ☐ Sort books.
- ☐ Sort decor.
- ☐ Sort under-bed storage.

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- ☐ Sort forgotten items from guests.
- ☐ Return anything that belongs to someone else.

Pack

- ☐ Pack guest bedding.
- ☐ Pack guest pillows.
- ☐ Pack guest towels.
- ☐ Pack decor.
- ☐ Pack lamps.
- ☐ Pack books.
- ☐ Pack closet items.
- ☐ Use guest luggage for soft items.
- ☐ Label boxes clearly.
- ☐ Keep one spare bedding set accessible if guests or family may stay before move.

Clean

- ☐ Dust furniture.
- ☐ Clean mirror.
- ☐ Wipe closet shelves.
- ☐ Vacuum under bed.
- ☐ Clean windowsill.
- ☐ Vacuum and mop floor.

Guest bathroom or powder room

Declutter

- ☐ Sort hand towels.
- ☐ Sort guest toiletries.
- ☐ Sort extra soap.
- ☐ Sort toilet paper.
- ☐ Sort candles or decor.
- ☐ Sort cleaning products.
- ☐ Check cabinet and vanity.
- ☐ Dispose of expired products.
- ☐ Recycle empty containers.

Pack

- ☐ Pack extra hand towels.
- ☐ Pack decor.
- ☐ Pack backup toiletries.
- ☐ Pack extra toilet paper.
- ☐ Pack soap dispensers upright or empty them.
- ☐ Keep soap and toilet paper out until final day.

Clean

- ☐ Clean sink.
- ☐ Clean mirror.
- ☐ Clean toilet.

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- [] Wipe shelves.
- [] Wipe cabinet.
- [] Mop floor.
- [] Empty trash.

Kitchen
Declutter

- [] Sort plates.
- [] Sort bowls.
- [] Sort mugs.
- [] Sort glasses.
- [] Sort wine glasses or special glasses.
- [] Sort serving dishes.
- [] Sort baking dishes.
- [] Sort pots.
- [] Sort pans.
- [] Sort lids.
- [] Match lids to containers.
- [] Recycle containers without lids.
- [] Recycle lids without containers.
- [] Sort utensils.
- [] Sort knives.
- [] Sort cutting boards.
- [] Sort baking supplies.
- [] Sort small appliances.
- [] Sort cookbooks.
- [] Sort spices.
- [] Sort pantry food.
- [] Sort fridge food.
- [] Sort freezer food.
- [] Sort cleaning products under sink.
- [] Sort dish towels.
- [] Sort aprons.
- [] Sort lunch boxes.
- [] Sort water bottles.
- [] Sort reusable bags.
- [] Sort junk drawer.
- [] Sort batteries, tape, matches, and random hardware if stored in kitchen.
- [] Dispose of expired food.
- [] Donate unopened food if appropriate.
- [] Use up open food.
- [] Dispose of chipped unsafe dishes.
- [] Donate duplicate kitchen tools.

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Pack

- ☐ Pack rarely used servingware.
- ☐ Pack seasonal dishes.
- ☐ Pack baking equipment.
- ☐ Pack special occasion glasses.
- ☐ Pack extra mugs.
- ☐ Pack cookbooks.
- ☐ Pack extra utensils.
- ☐ Pack duplicate tools.
- ☐ Pack pantry dry goods.
- ☐ Seal open food.
- ☐ Pack spices upright.
- ☐ Pack oils and liquids upright in bins.
- ☐ Pack small appliances after cleaning them.
- ☐ Wrap appliance cords.
- ☐ Bag small appliance parts.
- ☐ Pack plates vertically.
- ☐ Wrap glasses individually.
- ☐ Fill empty space inside glasses.
- ☐ Pack heavy items in small boxes.
- ☐ Use towels for padding.
- ☐ Label fragile boxes clearly.
- ☐ Keep daily dishes out until final week.
- ☐ Keep one pot and one pan out.
- ☐ Keep basic cutlery out.
- ☐ Keep dish soap and sponge out.
- ☐ Keep coffee or tea supplies out.
- ☐ Keep snacks out.
- ☐ Keep trash bags out.
- ☐ Keep cleaning supplies out.

Clean

- ☐ Clean cabinets.
- ☐ Clean drawers.
- ☐ Clean countertops.
- ☐ Clean backsplash.
- ☐ Clean sink.
- ☐ Clean faucet.
- ☐ Clean oven.
- ☐ Clean stovetop.
- ☐ Clean extractor hood.
- ☐ Clean microwave.
- ☐ Clean dishwasher.
- ☐ Clean refrigerator.

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- [] Clean freezer.
- [] Defrost freezer if needed.
- [] Clean under appliances if possible.
- [] Empty trash.
- [] Mop floor.
- [] Take final photos if renting.

Pantry
Declutter

- [] Remove all food from shelves.
- [] Check expiration dates.
- [] Group grains.
- [] Group pasta.
- [] Group rice.
- [] Group flour.
- [] Group sugar.
- [] Group baking items.
- [] Group spices.
- [] Group sauces.
- [] Group canned goods.
- [] Group snacks.
- [] Group breakfast items.
- [] Group tea and coffee.
- [] Group oils and vinegars.
- [] Group unopened donation items.
- [] Group open items to use before moving.
- [] Dispose of stale items.
- [] Wipe sticky containers.
- [] Empty crumbs from shelves.

Pack

- [] Pack sealed dry goods.
- [] Pack cans in small boxes.
- [] Pack jars upright.
- [] Seal open packets.
- [] Tape spice lids if needed.
- [] Place oils in leakproof bin.
- [] Keep final-week food separate.
- [] Keep snacks for moving day.
- [] Label pantry boxes by category.
- [] Mark liquids "keep upright."

Clean

- [] Wipe pantry shelves.
- [] Vacuum crumbs.

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- [] Clean floor.
- [] Check corners for forgotten items.
- [] Leave shelves dry before closing.

Dining room

Declutter

- [] Sort table linens.
- [] Sort placemats.
- [] Sort napkins.
- [] Sort napkin rings.
- [] Sort candles.
- [] Sort candlesticks.
- [] Sort serving pieces.
- [] Sort barware.
- [] Sort china cabinet.
- [] Sort formal dishes.
- [] Sort glassware.
- [] Sort silverware.
- [] Sort centerpiece decor.
- [] Sort sideboard contents.
- [] Sort table leaves or extensions.
- [] Sort chair cushions.
- [] Donate unused linens.
- [] Polish or clean silver before packing if desired.

Pack

- [] Wrap china individually.
- [] Pack plates vertically.
- [] Wrap crystal carefully.
- [] Pack glassware in divided boxes if possible.
- [] Wrap candlesticks.
- [] Pack linens in clean bags or boxes.
- [] Pack table pads.
- [] Protect table leaves.
- [] Remove and bag furniture hardware if disassembling.
- [] Label fragile boxes clearly.
- [] Mark formal dining boxes low priority unless needed soon.

Clean

- [] Dust table.
- [] Clean chairs.
- [] Clean sideboard.
- [] Wipe inside cabinets.
- [] Clean chandelier or light fixture if required.
- [] Vacuum rug.

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- ☐ Roll rug and secure it.
- ☐ Mop floor.

Drawing room or formal living room

Declutter

- ☐ Sort decor.
- ☐ Sort books.
- ☐ Sort coffee table items.
- ☐ Sort art.
- ☐ Sort mirrors.
- ☐ Sort lamps.
- ☐ Sort cushions.
- ☐ Sort throws.
- ☐ Sort candles.
- ☐ Sort vases.
- ☐ Sort sentimental items.
- ☐ Sort electronics if present.
- ☐ Sort cabinets and console tables.
- ☐ Decide what decor fits the new home.
- ☐ Photograph sentimental arrangements if desired.

Pack

- ☐ Pack books in small boxes.
- ☐ Pack fragile decor carefully.
- ☐ Wrap vases.
- ☐ Wrap lampshades separately.
- ☐ Remove bulbs from lamps.
- ☐ Wrap mirrors.
- ☐ Pack art vertically.
- ☐ Pack cushions and throws.
- ☐ Pack candles upright if needed.
- ☐ Pack sentimental items in clearly labeled boxes.
- ☐ Keep one lamp accessible if needed.
- ☐ Label fragile and open-gently boxes.

Clean

- ☐ Dust shelves.
- ☐ Wipe tables.
- ☐ Vacuum sofa.
- ☐ Clean under furniture.
- ☐ Clean windowsills.
- ☐ Remove nails or hooks if required.
- ☐ Patch walls if required.
- ☐ Vacuum rug.
- ☐ Mop floor.

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Family room or main living room

Declutter

- ☐ Sort books.
- ☐ Sort toys.
- ☐ Sort games.
- ☐ Sort blankets.
- ☐ Sort cushions.
- ☐ Sort remotes.
- ☐ Sort electronics.
- ☐ Sort cables.
- ☐ Sort DVDs, games, or media.
- ☐ Sort decor.
- ☐ Sort plants.
- ☐ Sort console storage.
- ☐ Sort coffee table drawers.
- ☐ Sort sentimental items.
- ☐ Remove broken items.
- ☐ Donate unused games and media.

Pack

- ☐ Photograph TV setup before unplugging.
- ☐ Label every cable.
- ☐ Bag remotes with devices.
- ☐ Pack media items.
- ☐ Pack books in small boxes.
- ☐ Pack decor.
- ☐ Pack extra blankets.
- ☐ Keep one blanket out.
- ☐ Pack cushions.
- ☐ Protect TV.
- ☐ Protect speakers.
- ☐ Pack gaming systems carefully.
- ☐ Keep essential chargers accessible.
- ☐ Label electronics boxes clearly.

Clean

- ☐ Dust surfaces.
- ☐ Vacuum sofa.
- ☐ Clean under cushions.
- ☐ Clean TV stand.
- ☐ Vacuum behind electronics.
- ☐ Clean windowsills.
- ☐ Vacuum rug.
- ☐ Mop floor.

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Laundry room

Declutter

- [] Sort detergents.
- [] Sort fabric softener.
- [] Sort stain removers.
- [] Sort dryer sheets.
- [] Sort laundry baskets.
- [] Sort hangers.
- [] Sort ironing supplies.
- [] Sort cleaning cloths.
- [] Sort lost socks.
- [] Sort mending items.
- [] Sort lint rollers.
- [] Sort extra household supplies.
- [] Dispose of empty bottles.
- [] Use up near-empty products.
- [] Donate unopened extras if appropriate.

Pack

- [] Pack extra detergent upright.
- [] Seal liquids.
- [] Pack stain removers upright.
- [] Pack iron after cooling.
- [] Pack ironing board.
- [] Pack hangers together.
- [] Pack laundry baskets with soft items.
- [] Keep one detergent out until final wash.
- [] Keep one laundry basket out.
- [] Keep stain remover out if children or pets.
- [] Bag small laundry items.

Appliance preparation

- [] Run final laundry load.
- [] Clean lint trap.
- [] Clean washer seal.
- [] Leave washer door open to dry.
- [] Disconnect washer only if safe or professionally handled.
- [] Drain hoses if required.
- [] Secure hoses.
- [] Clean dryer filter.
- [] Unplug appliances safely.
- [] Tape cords to appliance.
- [] Keep manuals or parts together.

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Clean

- [] Wipe washer.
- [] Wipe dryer.
- [] Wipe counters.
- [] Clean sink if present.
- [] Wipe shelves.
- [] Sweep behind appliances if accessible.
- [] Mop floor.
- [] Empty trash.

Mudroom

Declutter

- [] Sort coats.
- [] Sort boots.
- [] Sort outdoor shoes.
- [] Sort sports gear.
- [] Sort school bags.
- [] Sort pet items.
- [] Sort umbrellas.
- [] Sort hats and gloves.
- [] Sort seasonal accessories.
- [] Sort cleaning items.
- [] Sort reusable shopping bags.
- [] Sort keys.
- [] Sort mail.
- [] Sort random drop-zone items.

Pack

- [] Pack off-season outerwear.
- [] Pack extra boots.
- [] Pack sports gear by category.
- [] Pack pet extras.
- [] Pack seasonal accessories.
- [] Keep current coats out.
- [] Keep daily shoes out.
- [] Keep pet leash out.
- [] Keep school bags accessible.
- [] Keep umbrellas accessible if weather requires.
- [] Label boxes by category.

Clean

- [] Shake out mats.
- [] Wash mats if needed.
- [] Wipe benches.
- [] Wipe hooks.

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- [] Clean cubbies.
- [] Vacuum shoe area.
- [] Mop floor.
- [] Wipe door handles.

Home office or study

Declutter

- [] Sort documents.
- [] Sort archived papers.
- [] Shred sensitive papers.
- [] Recycle old papers.
- [] Sort notebooks.
- [] Sort stationery.
- [] Sort pens.
- [] Test pens.
- [] Sort cables.
- [] Sort chargers.
- [] Sort hard drives.
- [] Sort USB drives.
- [] Sort printer supplies.
- [] Sort books.
- [] Sort office decor.
- [] Sort desk drawers.
- [] Sort filing cabinets.
- [] Sort receipts.
- [] Sort tax documents.
- [] Sort work equipment.
- [] Back up computers.
- [] Photograph cable setup.

Pack

- [] Pack books in small boxes.
- [] Pack stationery by category.
- [] Pack files upright.
- [] Keep active work documents separate.
- [] Keep work laptop with you.
- [] Keep hard drives with you.
- [] Keep passwords accessible securely.
- [] Label cables.
- [] Bag cables by device.
- [] Pack printer after removing cartridges if needed.
- [] Pack monitor carefully.
- [] Pack desk lamp.
- [] Pack office chair if needed.
- [] Bag desk hardware if disassembling.

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[] Label office boxes clearly.

Clean

- [] Dust desk.
- [] Wipe drawers.
- [] Clean shelves.
- [] Vacuum cable area.
- [] Clean windowsill.
- [] Vacuum and mop floor.

Library or book room

Declutter

- [] Sort fiction.
- [] Sort nonfiction.
- [] Sort children's books.
- [] Sort coffee table books.
- [] Sort cookbooks.
- [] Sort old textbooks.
- [] Sort unread books.
- [] Sort sentimental books.
- [] Sort damaged books.
- [] Create donation pile.
- [] Create sell pile if needed.
- [] Photograph shelves if you want to recreate order.

Pack

- [] Use small boxes only.
- [] Pack heavy books low.
- [] Pack books flat or spine down.
- [] Do not overfill.
- [] Label by genre or shelf.
- [] Mark heavy boxes.
- [] Keep one or two comfort books out.
- [] Pack bookends.
- [] Pack shelf decor separately.

Clean

- [] Dust shelves.
- [] Clean behind books.
- [] Wipe baseboards.
- [] Vacuum floor.

Playroom

Declutter

- [] Sort toys by category.
- [] Sort blocks.
- [] Sort dolls.

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- ☐ Sort cars.
- ☐ Sort trains.
- ☐ Sort dress-up clothes.
- ☐ Sort puzzles.
- ☐ Sort board games.
- ☐ Sort craft supplies.
- ☐ Sort outdoor toys.
- ☐ Sort stuffed animals.
- ☐ Sort broken toys.
- ☐ Match game pieces.
- ☐ Match puzzle pieces.
- ☐ Donate unused toys.
- ☐ Dispose of broken toys.

Pack

- ☐ Pack toys by category.
- ☐ Use clear bins if helpful.
- ☐ Tape puzzle boxes closed.
- ☐ Bag small pieces.
- ☐ Label toy boxes clearly.
- ☐ Keep favorite toys out.
- ☐ Keep quiet activity bag for moving day.
- ☐ Pack craft supplies upright if liquid.
- ☐ Seal paints and glue.
- ☐ Keep messy supplies contained.

Clean

- ☐ Wipe toy shelves.
- ☐ Clean bins.
- ☐ Vacuum play mat.
- ☐ Clean under furniture.
- ☐ Mop floor.

Nursery

Declutter

- ☐ Sort baby clothes by size.
- ☐ Sort diapers.
- ☐ Sort wipes.
- ☐ Sort feeding supplies.
- ☐ Sort bottles.
- ☐ Sort pacifiers.
- ☐ Sort swaddles.
- ☐ Sort sleep sacks.
- ☐ Sort blankets.
- ☐ Sort baby toys.

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- [] Sort books.
- [] Sort medicine.
- [] Sort changing table items.
- [] Sort baby monitor and chargers.

Pack

- [] Keep current-size clothes accessible.
- [] Keep diapers accessible.
- [] Keep wipes accessible.
- [] Keep feeding supplies accessible.
- [] Keep baby medication with you.
- [] Keep sleep items out.
- [] Pack outgrown clothes.

- [] Pack extra blankets.

- [] Pack decor.
- [] Pack toys not currently needed.
- [] Label nursery boxes clearly.
- [] Create baby moving-day bag.

Clean

- [] Wipe changing table.
- [] Clean crib area.
- [] Wash bedding.
- [] Dust shelves.
- [] Vacuum and mop floor.

Pantry overflow, butler's pantry, or scullery

Declutter

- [] Sort serving dishes.
- [] Sort extra glassware.
- [] Sort appliances.
- [] Sort platters.
- [] Sort pantry overflow.
- [] Sort linens.

- [] Sort barware.

- [] Sort cleaning supplies.
- [] Sort party supplies.
- [] Sort duplicate items.

Pack

- [] Pack fragile serving pieces.
- [] Pack party supplies.
- [] Pack extra appliances.
- [] Pack linens.
- [] Pack glassware with padding.
- [] Label fragile boxes.

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[] Mark low priority unless needed soon.

Clean

- [] Wipe shelves.
- [] Clean counters.
- [] Sweep and mop floor.
- [] Check all cabinets.

Boiler room, mechanical room, or utility room

Safety

- [] Do not disconnect gas, electrical, boiler, or heating systems yourself unless you are qualified.
- [] Use professionals for regulated appliances and systems.
- [] Keep manuals and service records available.

Declutter

- [] Sort manuals.
- [] Sort spare filters.
- [] Sort tools stored there.
- [] Sort paint cans.
- [] Sort chemicals.
- [] Sort cleaning products.
- [] Sort spare parts.
- [] Sort extension cords.
- [] Sort batteries.
- [] Sort light bulbs.
- [] Dispose of hazardous waste properly.
- [] Check local rules for paint, chemicals, fuel, oil, and batteries.

Pack

- [] Pack manuals in document folder.
- [] Pack spare filters.
- [] Pack safe tools.
- [] Pack extension cords.
- [] Pack light bulbs carefully.
- [] Pack batteries safely.
- [] Do not pack flammable or hazardous items in standard moving boxes.
- [] Keep utility shutoff information accessible.
- [] Photograph system labels if needed.
- [] Leave required manuals for new owners or tenants if applicable.

Clean

- [] Sweep floor.
- [] Remove cobwebs.
- [] Wipe shelves.
- [] Check for leaks.
- [] Clear access to boiler and meters.
- [] Take final meter readings.

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[] Photograph meters.

Basement

Declutter

- [] Sort storage boxes.
- [] Sort seasonal decor.
- [] Sort tools.
- [] Sort sports equipment.
- [] Sort camping gear.
- [] Sort luggage.
- [] Sort old furniture.
- [] Sort archived documents.
- [] Sort children's keepsakes.
- [] Sort holiday items.
- [] Sort hobby supplies.
- [] Sort paint and chemicals.
- [] Sort old electronics.
- [] Sort appliances.
- [] Sort rugs.
- [] Sort extra flooring or tiles.
- [] Sort emergency supplies.
- [] Dispose of damaged items.
- [] Check for damp, mold, or pests.
- [] Do not move moldy items without proper cleaning.

Pack

- [] Pack seasonal items.
- [] Pack holiday decor.
- [] Pack tools.
- [] Pack sports gear.
- [] Pack camping gear.
- [] Pack luggage.
- [] Pack keepsakes carefully.
- [] Label storage boxes clearly.
- [] Use waterproof bins for basement items.
- [] Keep emergency supplies accessible.
- [] Dispose of hazardous materials properly.
- [] Photograph large items before disassembly.
- [] Bag hardware from shelves or furniture.

Clean

- [] Sweep floor.
- [] Vacuum if possible.
- [] Remove cobwebs.
- [] Wipe shelves.

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- ☐ Check corners.
- ☐ Check behind appliances.
- ☐ Clean stairs.
- ☐ Empty trash.
- ☐ Take photos after clearing.

Storage room or storage closets

Declutter

- [] Open every box.
- [] Check contents.
- [] Re-label boxes.
- [] Sort holiday decor.
- [] Sort keepsakes.
- [] Sort extra linens.
- [] Sort luggage.
- [] Sort tools.
- [] Sort hobby items.
- [] Sort old electronics.
- [] Sort documents.
- [] Sort unused furniture.
- [] Dispose of broken items.
- [] Donate duplicates.
- [] Separate sentimental items.

Pack

- [] Repack damaged boxes.
- [] Use clear bins when possible.
- [] Label every bin.
- [] Mark seasonal items low priority.
- [] Mark sentimental items clearly.
- [] Keep inventory list.
- [] Pack heavy items in small boxes.
- [] Use moisture protection if needed.

Clean

- ☐ Dust shelves.
- ☐ Sweep floor.
- ☐ Remove cobwebs.
- ☐ Check for forgotten items.
- ☐ Wipe door and handles.

Attic or loft

Declutter

- ☐ Sort holiday decorations.
- ☐ Sort old clothes.
- ☐ Sort keepsakes.

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- [] Sort children's memory boxes.
- [] Sort luggage.
- [] Sort old furniture.
- [] Sort documents.
- [] Sort old electronics.
- [] Sort photos.
- [] Sort inherited items.
- [] Check for pests.
- [] Check for moisture damage.
- [] Dispose of damaged items safely.

Pack

- [] Repack fragile keepsakes.
- [] Use sturdy boxes.
- [] Use labels on multiple sides.
- [] Photograph sentimental items.
- [] Pack photos in climate-safe containers.
- [] Pack fragile holiday items carefully.
- [] Mark attic items low priority unless needed soon.

Clean

- [] Remove cobwebs.
- [] Sweep accessible floor.
- [] Check corners.
- [] Ensure nothing remains behind.

Garage, carport, or workshop

Declutter

- [] Sort tools.
- [] Sort power tools.
- [] Sort hand tools.
- [] Sort screws, nails, and hardware.
- [] Sort garden tools.
- [] Sort sports gear.
- [] Sort bicycles.
- [] Sort car supplies.
- [] Sort paint.
- [] Sort fuel.
- [] Sort chemicals.
- [] Sort ladders.
- [] Sort storage bins.
- [] Sort outdoor toys.
- [] Sort camping gear.
- [] Sort pet supplies.
- [] Dispose of hazardous materials properly.

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- [] Donate duplicate tools.
- [] Return borrowed tools.

Pack

- [] Drain fuel from equipment if required.
- [] Clean tools before packing.
- [] Bundle long tools.
- [] Pack hand tools in small boxes.
- [] Keep basic tool kit accessible.
- [] Secure sharp tools.
- [] Remove batteries from tools if needed.
- [] Pack hardware in labeled bags.
- [] Label power tool accessories.
- [] Pack car supplies upright.
- [] Do not pack flammable materials with regular moving goods.
- [] Secure bicycles.
- [] Pack helmets with sports gear.
- [] Keep moving tools out until final day.

Clean

- [] Sweep garage.
- [] Clear shelves.
- [] Remove cobwebs.
- [] Clean oil spots if possible.
- [] Empty trash.
- [] Check rafters and corners.
- [] Close and secure garage door.

Patio

Declutter

- [] Sort patio furniture.
- [] Sort outdoor cushions.
- [] Sort planters.
- [] Sort lanterns.
- [] Sort candles.
- [] Sort outdoor rugs.
- [] Sort BBQ tools.
- [] Sort grill items.
- [] Sort umbrellas.
- [] Sort weather covers.
- [] Sort outdoor toys.
- [] Sort broken pots.
- [] Dispose of dead plants.
- [] Donate unwanted decor.

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Pack

- ☐ Clean furniture before moving.
- ☐ Dry cushions completely.
- ☐ Pack cushions in bags.
- ☐ Pack outdoor rugs dry.
- ☐ Wrap fragile pots.
- ☐ Empty planters if needed.
- ☐ Pack lanterns carefully.
- ☐ Pack BBQ tools.
- ☐ Clean grill.
- ☐ Disconnect gas tank safely according to rules.
- ☐ Do not place fuel or propane in the moving truck.
- ☐ Label outdoor boxes.
- ☐ Keep plant care items accessible.

Clean

- ☐ Sweep patio.
- ☐ Remove leaves.
- ☐ Clean outdoor surfaces.
- ☐ Remove trash.
- ☐ Check drains.
- ☐ Clean exterior doors.

Terraces

Declutter

- ☐ Sort terrace furniture.
- ☐ Sort plants.
- ☐ Sort pots.
- ☐ Sort garden lights.
- ☐ Sort outdoor cushions.
- ☐ Sort storage benches.
- ☐ Sort watering cans.
- ☐ Sort hoses.
- ☐ Sort outdoor decor.
- ☐ Remove broken items.
- ☐ Dispose of dead plants.
- ☐ Check building rules for moving items through terraces.

Pack

- ☐ Clean furniture.
- ☐ Dry cushions.
- ☐ Pack cushions separately.
- ☐ Wrap fragile pots.
- ☐ Secure plant pots.
- ☐ Empty heavy planters if needed.

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- [] Pack outdoor lights carefully.
- [] Coil hoses.
- [] Pack watering accessories.
- [] Label terrace boxes.

Clean

- [] Sweep terrace.
- [] Clear drains.
- [] Remove soil spills.
- [] Wipe railings.
- [] Clean glass if required.
- [] Remove trash.

Balconies

Declutter

- [] Sort balcony furniture.
- [] Sort plants.
- [] Sort pots.
- [] Sort balcony storage.
- [] Sort lights.
- [] Sort outdoor rugs.
- [] Sort cushions.
- [] Sort small tables.
- [] Remove dead plants.
- [] Dispose of broken pots.

Pack

- [] Pack lights.
- [] Pack cushions.
- [] Pack small decor.
- [] Clean pots before moving.
- [] Secure plants.
- [] Empty heavy planters.
- [] Pack balcony rug dry.
- [] Label balcony boxes.
- [] Keep plant watering supplies accessible.

Clean

- [] Sweep balcony.
- [] Wipe railing.
- [] Clear drain.
- [] Clean floor.
- [] Remove soil and leaves.
- [] Clean balcony door track.

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Gardens

Declutter

- ☐ Sort garden tools.
- ☐ Sort pots.
- ☐ Sort planters.
- ☐ Sort seeds.
- ☐ Sort soil.
- ☐ Sort fertilizer.
- ☐ Sort outdoor toys.
- ☐ Sort hoses.
- ☐ Sort watering cans.
- ☐ Sort garden decor.
- ☐ Sort outdoor lights.
- ☐ Sort plant supports.
- ☐ Sort compost tools.
- ☐ Sort lawn equipment.
- ☐ Sort patio furniture.
- ☐ Remove broken pots.
- ☐ Dispose of dead plants.
- ☐ Decide which plants are moving.
- ☐ Check whether plants can legally or practically be moved, especially long-distance.

Pack

- ☐ Clean garden tools.
- ☐ Bundle stakes.
- ☐ Coil hoses.
- ☐ Pack small tools.
- ☐ Secure sharp tools.
- ☐ Pack seeds dry.
- ☐ Pack garden decor carefully.
- ☐ Move plants in open boxes.
- ☐ Water plants lightly before move, not too heavily.
- ☐ Protect delicate plants.
- ☐ Label plant boxes.
- ☐ Keep plants upright.
- ☐ Do not load plants too early in extreme heat or cold.
- ☐ Empty heavy pots if needed.
- ☐ Pack outdoor cushions dry.
- ☐ Pack garden lights carefully.

Clean and leave-behind tasks

- ☐ Mow lawn if required.
- ☐ Weed beds if required.
- ☐ Sweep paths.
- ☐ Clear leaves.

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- [] Remove trash.
- [] Empty compost if required.
- [] Clean shed.
- [] Check outdoor taps.
- [] Secure gates.
- [] Leave any agreed fixtures or plants behind.

Shed or garden storage
Declutter

- [] Sort gardening tools.
- [] Sort lawn equipment.
- [] Sort chemicals.
- [] Sort paint.
- [] Sort fuel.
- [] Sort outdoor furniture covers.
- [] Sort pots.
- [] Sort hoses.
- [] Sort outdoor games.
- [] Sort bikes or scooters.
- [] Dispose of hazardous waste properly.
- [] Donate duplicate tools.

Pack

- [] Clean tools.
- [] Bundle long items.
- [] Secure sharp edges.
- [] Drain fuel if required.
- [] Pack small items in labeled bins.
- [] Keep basic garden tools accessible if needed.
- [] Do not pack hazardous chemicals with regular goods.
- [] Label shed boxes clearly.

Clean

- [] Sweep shed.
- [] Remove cobwebs.
- [] Check corners.
- [] Empty trash.
- [] Lock shed if required.

Linen closets
Declutter

- [] Sort sheet sets.
- [] Sort pillowcases.
- [] Sort towels.
- [] Sort guest towels.
- [] Sort blankets.

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- ☐ Sort duvets.
- ☐ Sort table linens.
- ☐ Sort bath mats.
- ☐ Sort damaged linens.
- ☐ Donate excess linens.
- ☐ Keep old towels for packing or cleaning.

Pack

- ☐ Pack guest linens.
- ☐ Pack seasonal blankets.
- ☐ Pack extra towels.
- ☐ Keep one bedding set per bed out.
- ☐ Keep one towel per person out.
- ☐ Use old towels for fragile packing.
- ☐ Label by destination: master bedroom, children's bedroom, guest bedroom, bathrooms, or dining linens.

Clean

- ☐ Wipe shelves.
- ☐ Vacuum closet floor.
- ☐ Check for forgotten items.

Utility closets

Declutter

- ☐ Sort cleaning supplies.
- ☐ Sort brooms.
- ☐ Sort mops.
- ☐ Sort vacuum accessories.
- ☐ Sort batteries.
- ☐ Sort bulbs.
- ☐ Sort extension cords.
- ☐ Sort household tools.
- ☐ Dispose of empty bottles.
- ☐ Dispose of unsafe chemicals properly.

Pack

- ☐ Pack extra supplies.
- ☐ Keep final cleaning kit out.
- ☐ Keep vacuum out.
- ☐ Keep broom and dustpan out.
- ☐ Pack bulbs carefully.
- ☐ Label batteries.
- ☐ Label extension cords.

Clean

- ☐ Wipe shelves.
- ☐ Sweep closet.
- ☐ Clean door and handle.

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Stairs, landings, and corridors

Declutter

- ☐ Remove decor from walls.
- ☐ Remove console table items.
- ☐ Remove baskets.
- ☐ Remove shoes or bags.
- ☐ Remove plants.
- ☐ Remove loose rugs.
- ☐ Remove trip hazards.
- ☐ Check storage benches.

Pack

- ☐ Pack wall art.
- ☐ Pack mirrors.
- ☐ Pack runners or rugs.
- ☐ Pack plants carefully.
- ☐ Protect banisters if needed.
- ☐ Protect walls if movers are carrying furniture.

Clean

- ☐ Dust railings.
- ☐ Wipe banister.
- ☐ Clean light fixtures if required.
- ☐ Vacuum stairs.
- ☐ Mop hard surfaces.
- ☐ Clean baseboards.
- ☐ Remove scuff marks.

Hobby room or craft room

Declutter

- ☐ Sort craft supplies.
- ☐ Sort fabric.
- ☐ Sort yarn.
- ☐ Sort paints.
- ☐ Sort brushes.
- ☐ Sort glue.
- ☐ Sort paper.
- ☐ Sort tools.
- ☐ Sort machines.
- ☐ Sort unfinished projects.
- ☐ Sort patterns.
- ☐ Sort frames.
- ☐ Dispose of dried paint or glue.
- ☐ Donate supplies no longer used.

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Pack

- [] Seal liquids.
- [] Pack sharp tools safely.
- [] Pack fabric in bags or bins.
- [] Pack paper flat.
- [] Pack machines in original boxes if available.
- [] Bag small parts.
- [] Label by craft type.
- [] Keep active project separate if needed.

Clean

- [] Wipe work surface.
- [] Vacuum threads or scraps.
- [] Clean drawers.
- [] Sweep and mop floor.

Gym or exercise room

Declutter

- [] Sort weights.
- [] Sort resistance bands.
- [] Sort yoga mats.
- [] Sort towels.
- [] Sort shoes.
- [] Sort machines.
- [] Sort accessories.
- [] Sort water bottles.
- [] Sort workout media or electronics if any.
- [] Donate unused equipment.

Pack

- [] Pack small weights in small boxes.
- [] Mark heavy boxes.
- [] Wrap delicate equipment.
- [] Disassemble machines if needed.
- [] Bag screws and hardware.
- [] Roll yoga mats.
- [] Pack bands together.
- [] Keep one workout outfit accessible if desired.

Clean

- [] Wipe equipment.
- [] Clean mats.
- [] Vacuum floor.
- [] Mop floor.
- [] Clean mirrors.

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Media room or cinema room

Declutter

- [] Sort electronics.
- [] Sort remotes.
- [] Sort cables.
- [] Sort speakers.
- [] Sort gaming systems.
- [] Sort DVDs or media.
- [] Sort blankets.
- [] Sort decor.
- [] Remove batteries from remotes if needed.
- [] Donate unused media.

Pack

- [] Photograph cable setup.
- [] Label cables.
- [] Pack remotes with devices.
- [] Pack speakers carefully.
- [] Protect screens.
- [] Pack projector if applicable.
- [] Pack media in labeled boxes.
- [] Keep chargers accessible.
- [] Mark fragile boxes.

Clean

- [] Dust electronics area.
- [] Vacuum behind equipment.
- [] Clean seating.
- [] Vacuum and mop floor.

Wine cellar or bar area

Declutter

- [] Sort bottles.
- [] Sort barware.
- [] Sort glasses.
- [] Sort tools.
- [] Sort cocktail accessories.
- [] Sort linens.
- [] Sort decor.
- [] Check moving rules for alcohol transport if applicable.
- [] Decide what will be gifted, consumed, or moved.

Pack

- [] Use bottle boxes if transporting bottles.
- [] Pack glassware carefully.
- [] Wrap tools.

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- [] Label fragile boxes.
- [] Keep temperature-sensitive items protected.
- [] Do not overload boxes.

Clean

- [] Wipe shelves.
- [] Clean counters.
- [] Sweep and mop floor.

Pet area

Declutter

- [] Sort food.
- [] Sort treats.
- [] Sort bowls.
- [] Sort leashes.
- [] Sort collars.
- [] Sort toys.
- [] Sort beds.
- [] Sort litter supplies.
- [] Sort grooming tools.
- [] Sort medication.
- [] Dispose of broken toys.
- [] Wash pet bedding.

Pack

- [] Pack extra toys.
- [] Pack extra bedding.
- [] Keep food accessible.
- [] Keep bowls accessible.
- [] Keep leash accessible.
- [] Keep medication with you.
- [] Keep vaccination records with documents.
- [] Prepare pet moving-day bag.
- [] Keep carrier accessible.

Pet moving-day bag

- [] Food.
- [] Water.
- [] Bowls.
- [] Treats.
- [] Medication.
- [] Leash.
- [] Waste bags.
- [] Litter if applicable.
- [] Comfort blanket.
- [] Toy.

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7. Furniture and Large Items

Before moving

☐ Measure large furniture.							
☐ Measure new rooms.							
☐ Measure doors and stairways.							
☐ Decide what will not fit.							
☐ Sell or donate furniture not moving.							
☐ Photograph furniture before moving.							
☐ Photograph existing damage.							
☐ Remove contents from furniture.							
☐ Remove shelves if loose.							
☐ Remove glass panels.							
☐ Remove drawers if needed.							
☐ Bag screws and hardware.							
☐ Tape hardware bag to item or label clearly.							
☐ Protect corners.							
☐ Wrap delicate surfaces.							
☐ Cover mattresses.							
☐ Cover upholstered furniture.							
☐ Roll rugs and secure them.							
☐ Label furniture by destination room.							

At new home

☐ Direct furniture to correct rooms.							
☐ Assemble beds first.							
☐ Assemble children's beds early.							
☐ Place sofas and large items before boxes crowd rooms.							
☐ Check furniture for damage.							
☐ Keep hardware bags together.							
☐ Do not discard hardware bags until fully assembled.							

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8. Utilities, Services, and Admin

Address changes

- ☐ Bank.
- ☐ Credit cards.
- ☐ Insurance.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ School.
- ☐ Doctor.
- ☐ Dentist.
- ☐ Vet.
- ☐ Government records.
- ☐ Tax authority.
- ☐ Driver's license.
- ☐ Vehicle registration.
- ☐ Subscriptions.
- ☐ Online shopping accounts.
- ☐ Meal deliveries.
- ☐ Pharmacy.
- ☐ Gym.
- ☐ Clubs or memberships.
- ☐ Friends and family.
- ☐ Mail forwarding.

Utilities

- ☐ Electricity.
- ☐ Gas.
- ☐ Water.
- ☐ Heating.
- ☐ Internet.
- ☐ Phone.
- ☐ Cable or streaming equipment.
- ☐ Waste collection.
- ☐ Security system.
- ☐ Smart home systems.
- ☐ Solar panels if applicable.
- ☐ Garden irrigation if applicable.
- ☐ Boiler service records.
- ☐ Meter readings.
- ☐ Final bills.
- ☐ New service start dates.

Property admin

- ☐ Collect keys.

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9. Final Walkthrough Checklist

Interior

- ☐ Check kitchen cabinets.
- ☐ Check kitchen drawers.
- ☐ Check oven.
- ☐ Check microwave.
- ☐ Check dishwasher.
- ☐ Check refrigerator.
- ☐ Check freezer.
- ☐ Check pantry.
- ☐ Check laundry room.
- ☐ Check washer.
- ☐ Check dryer.
- ☐ Check all bathrooms.
- ☐ Check under sinks.
- ☐ Check medicine cabinets.
- ☐ Check bedroom closets.
- ☐ Check under beds.
- ☐ Check dresser drawers.
- ☐ Check children's rooms.
- ☐ Check playroom.
- ☐ Check office.
- ☐ Check filing cabinets.
- ☐ Check living room cabinets.
- ☐ Check dining room sideboard.
- ☐ Check guest rooms.
- ☐ Check linen closets.
- ☐ Check utility closets.
- ☐ Check basement.
- ☐ Check attic.
- ☐ Check storage rooms.
- ☐ Check garage.
- ☐ Check boiler room.
- ☐ Check behind doors.
- ☐ Check windowsills.
- ☐ Check high shelves.
- ☐ Check hooks.
- ☐ Check hidden corners.

Exterior

- ☐ Check patio.
- ☐ Check terraces.
- ☐ Check balconies.

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10. New Home Arrival Checklist

First hour

- [] Inspect entrance.
- [] Check keys work.
- [] Check locks.
- [] Check electricity.
- [] Check water.
- [] Check heating or cooling.
- [] Check toilets.
- [] Check sinks.
- [] Check hot water.
- [] Check fridge.
- [] Check internet setup if available.
- [] Take photos of condition.
- [] Take meter readings.
- [] Place essentials bag somewhere safe.
- [] Place important documents somewhere safe.
- [] Direct boxes to correct rooms.
- [] Keep pathways clear.
- [] Set up toilet paper and soap.
- [] Set up water and snacks.

First evening

- [] Make beds.
- [] Set up children's beds.
- [] Set up bathroom essentials.
- [] Plug in phone chargers.
- [] Put towels out.
- [] Put pajamas out.
- [] Set up one lamp.
- [] Put basic kitchen items out.
- [] Eat something simple.
- [] Put trash bag out.
- [] Keep tools accessible.
- [] Keep cleaning supplies accessible.
- [] Stop unpacking before exhaustion.

First week

- [] Unpack kitchen basics.
- [] Unpack bathroom basics.
- [] Unpack bedroom clothing.
- [] Unpack children's rooms.
- [] Set up laundry.

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- [] Test carbon monoxide alarms.
- [] Replace batteries if needed.
- [] Create new home maintenance folder.
- [] Make one peaceful corner.

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- [] Start with low-emotion areas.
- [] Do not pack the whole home in your mind.
- [] Pack one room at a time.
- [] Pack one category at a time.
- [] Keep daily routines functioning as long as possible.
- [] Do not create random boxes.
- [] Use small boxes for heavy things.
- [] Keep essentials close.
- [] Keep documents with you.
- [] Keep medication with you.
- [] Keep chargers accessible.
- [] Label for tired future you.
- [] Stop before complete exhaustion.
- [] Make the bed first at the new home.
- [] Create one calm corner before unpacking everything.
- [] Remember that the first night does not need to be perfect.

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Thank You

FOR YOUR DOWNLOAD!

We hope this planner brings a little more calm,
clarity and confidence to your move.



Thank you so much for using this checklist!
I hope it's made your move feel calmer, clearer, and more manageable.
Moving is a lot, so take breaks, ask for help when you can.
And remember, it doesn't need to be perfect... just done.
Wishing you a smooth move and a beautiful fresh start.

xoxo,

Tara