



Extremely Efficient, Unbearably Caring!

Every Move is a Story, and We're Here to Make
Your Move Stress-Free and Full of Care.

8 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Create a moving binder/folder for all move-related paperwork
- ☐ Start a moving journal or use a note-taking app to jot down ideas, to-do lists, and important information
- ☐ Research moving companies: read reviews, get recommendations
 - Get estimates from at least three movers
- ☐ Start sorting through your belongings room by room
 - Create “keep,” “donate,” “sell,” and “discard” piles
 - Consider which furniture pieces will fit in your new home
- ☐ Plan a garage sale or start listing items for sale online
 - We can also donate them for you to people in need through Big Bear Cares!
- ☐ Begin collecting packing materials (tape, paper, boxes, bubble wrap, etc.)

7 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Choose your moving company and book your moving date (earliest)
- ☐ If you're renting, give notice to your landlord
- ☐ Start using up food in your freezer and pantry
- ☐ Research schools in your new area if you have children
- ☐ Begin packing items you won't need before the move (e.g., seasonal clothing, books, decor, etc.)
- ☐ Create a floor plan of your new home to plan furniture placement

6 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Contact your insurance company to transfer or cancel policies
- ☐ Begin the change of address process:
 - USPS, banks and credit card companies, subscription services, voter registration, etc.
- ☐ Schedule disconnection/connection of utilities at old and new homes:
 - Electric, gas, water, internet, etc.
- ☐ Research storage options if needed

5 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Continue packing, focusing on lesser-used items and rooms
- ☐ Start planning for moving day meals and snacks
- ☐ Begin using up any cleaning supplies, toiletries, and pantry items
- ☐ If moving long-distance, make travel arrangements
- ☐ Plan for moving your vehicles (if applicable)
- ☐ Arrange for pet transportation or boarding during the move

4 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Confirm details with your moving company
- ☐ Start packing your garage, attic, and storage areas
- ☐ Dispose of any flammables and corrosives properly
- ☐ Gather important documents in a safe, easily accessible place
 - Birth certificates, passports, etc.
- ☐ Arrange for child care and/or pet sitting on moving day

3 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Begin packing your main living areas
- ☐ Clearly label all boxes with contents and destination room
- ☐ Separate any valuable items you'd like to transport yourself
- ☐ Create an "open first" box for each room with essentials
- ☐ Make a plan for moving plants
- ☐ Confirm parking arrangements for the moving truck at both locations
- ☐ Start cleaning empty areas of your current home

2 Weeks Before the Move

- ☐ Continue packing, aiming to have most items boxed
- ☐ Arrange for a charity to pick up donated items (we can do this on the day of the move if you'd like!)
- ☐ Separate any valuable items you'd like to transport yourself
- ☐ Make copies of important documents to take with you
- ☐ Confirm details with your moving company again

1 Week Before the Move

- ☐ Finish most of your packing
- ☐ Pack suitcases with clothes and essentials for the first week
- ☐ Deep clean your current home
- ☐ Defrost your freezer and clean your refrigerator
- ☐ Dispose of any remaining hazardous materials
- ☐ Confirm payment method with the moving company
- ☐ Prepare a folder with important information for the new homeowner

2-3 Days Before the Move

- ☐ Pack a “moving day” kit with essentials:
 - Phone chargers, basic tools, snacks, etc.
- ☐ Confirm arrival time with movers
- ☐ Drain gas and oil from lawn equipment, grills, etc.
- ☐ Do a final check of every room, closet, and outdoor area
- ☐ Gather all house keys and garage door openers

Moving Day

- ☐ Wake up early and have a good breakfast
- ☐ Meet with your movers and review the plan
- ☐ Do a final walk-through with the movers
- ☐ Verify that all items are loaded/unloaded correctly
- ☐ Take photos of empty rooms for proof of condition
- ☐ Turn off all lights, lock windows and doors
- ☐ Give keys to new owners or real estate agent

After the Move

- ☐ Unpack essentials and set up main living areas first
- ☐ Inspect delivered boxes and furniture for damage
- ☐ Begin organizing your new home room by room
- ☐ Update your address:
 - Drivers license, vehicle registration, voter registration
- ☐ Explore your new neighborhood!