The Reviews.com Moving Checklist

8 Weeks Before the Move: Schedule your Movers

- ☐ Find local agents associated with top moving companies
- ☐ Schedule at least three in-home estimates and ask:
  - How and when the pickup and delivery of your goods will occur
  - For contact information for before, during, and after the move
  - What happens if an item is damaged during the move
  - If the mover has a dispute settlement program
- ☐ Compare prices and services before deciding on a mover

6 Weeks Before the Move: Start Downsizing

- ☐ Measure out your new space
- ☐ Determine what furniture you want to keep
- ☐ Sell or donate unwanted items
- ☐ Start emptying the pantry
- ☐ Plan meals to use up perishable items

4 Weeks Before the Move: Start Packing

- ☐ Estimate the number of boxes your need
- ☐ Assess whether you want any speciality boxes:
  - Wardrobe
  - Dishware
  - Picture frame
  - TV
- ☐ Track your inventory as you pack it
- ☐ Don't forget to grab:
  - Tape
  - Permanent markers
  - Packing paper
  - Bubble wrap
  - Sandwich bags

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2 Weeks Before the Move: Finalize the Paperwork

- ☐ Notify jobs, subscriptions, and billing companies of your new address
- ☐ Fill out a change of address form at the post office
- ☐ Transfer prescriptions to a new pharmacy
- ☐ Transfer or set up service with local utilities:
  - Electricity
  - Water
  - Sewage
  - Trash
  - Internet

1 Week Before the Move: Finish Packing

- ☐ Pack an "Open First" box with a days-worth of essentials
- ☐ Photograph assembled electronics before packing
- ☐ Disassemble furniture
- ☐ Prepare appliances for moving
- ☐ Confirm what your movers will and won't move
- ☐ Set aside cleaning supplies for moving day
- ☐ If necessary, reserve an elevator or acquire a parking permit

The Day of Your Move

- ☐ Be present and available the whole day to help the movers
- ☐ Take pictures of any existing damage
- ☐ Accompany the movers as they inventory your belongings
- ☐ Carefully read all documents before signing them
- ☐ Keep the bill of lading until you are completely unpacked