Suggested Check-List for Moving						
Check when Complete	Task	Roughly 4 Weeks Prior to Moving Day				
	Arrange for utility transfers	Call current and future utility providers of your move date. This includes:				
		Electricity Gas/Propane Tanks   Internet/broadband Water/Sewer				
		Security system Trash/Recycling pick-up				
		NOTE: Suggest you schedule utility turn-on dates at least one day prior to the move date and turn-off dates at least one day after the move to allow for emergencies or issues that may arise.				
	Change your address	Where to consider updating your address:				
		Accountant/tax preparer 📙 Employers 📙 Pharmacy				
		Alumni associations Health Clubs/Swimming Memberships Dest Office				
		Social Security Administration Dept of Motor Vehicle				
		Babysitter/child care provider Schools Physicians				
		Business Cards (order new ones) Insurance providers (auto, health, life, holders				
		Broker Parent-teacher association Professional organizations				
		Dentist/Orthodontist Newspaper/Magazine subscriptions Water Delivery service				
		Home Services (Lawn care, house cleaning, snow removal, swimming pool care) Banks (auto loans, checking accounts, credit cards, home equity, IRAs, mortgage, safe deposit box, savings account) Veterinarian (get records and recommendations if moving out of area)				
	Recruit help for the move.	If moving yourself, start recruiting friends, family, neighbors and co-workers well in advance. Offer free breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks for your workforce, and be sure to deliver as promised.				
	At minimum, you'll need:					
	Get essential moving supplies	Markers to label boxes (preferably wide tip, dark color) Newsprint, packing peanuts or other Utility knife				
		Moving boxes/Packing tape Scissors				
		Make a moving organizer for all your notes, receipts and important information with:				
	Get or make moving organizer.	Pocket dividers to separate sections and hold important receipts.				
		Binder				
	Start packing!	NOTE: Almost everyone underestimates how much time it takes to pack, so start early and leave plenty of extra time.				
Check when Complete	Task	Roughly 2 Weeks Prior to Moving Day				
		Here are some items to return prior to moving:				
	Make arrangements to return items.	Cable/satellite receiver boxes, remote controls, dish				
		Cable/DSL modems				
	Make arrangements	Be sure to retrieve any of the following items				
	to retrieve items.	Clothing at dry cleaners, tailors or in storage Items at repair shops Tools lent to neighbors or friends				
	Open bank accounts near your new address	You may want to open a new safe deposit box at the same time, and move all vital papers and/or jewelry into the box in advance. That way you don't have to worry about them on moving day.				

Suggested Check-List for Moving							
	Create one "Open Me First" box for specific rooms.	You'll need to access certain packed items almost immediately after you arrive, and they need to be packed together in special boxes (one per room) and marked with either bright red markers or special stickers so you can spot them easily. The specific rooms are:					
	Kitchen	Aluminum foil	Dish Detergent	Pet food and bowls			
		Break-proof or disposable flatware, cups and plates	Pots and Pans. Cooking utinsils	Coffee maker (don't forget the filters!)			
	Bathroom:	🔲 Bath Mat	Shower curtain and rings	Hair essentials (brush, comb and hair dryer)			
		Bath Towels	Toiletries (i.e. shampoo, soap, razor & shaving cream, tooth brush & tooth paste)	First-aid kit (aspirin, Band-Aids, hydrogen peroxide)			
	Tool Box or Drawer	Batteries	Flat-head & Philips-head screwdrivers	Picture Hangers			
		Duct tape	Hammer	Tape measure			
		Flashlight	Level	Utility knife			
	Finish packing non- essential rooms	Complete packing non-essential rooms first such as the basement, garage, attic, utility rooms, etc. so you can focus on main living areas in the last weeks.					
	Consider holding a tag sale.	You might be surprised to learn that you can earn a few hundred dollars by selling non-essential items -earning cash and making your move more efficient.					
Check when Complete	Task	1 Week Prior to Moving Day					
	Confirm start time, current home address and future home address with movers	Even if you already have this information, it's a good idea to double-check.					
	Perishable foods	Start eating perishable food from freezer and refrigerator					
	Make arrangements for child and/or pet sitting.	Having small children and pets watched on Moving Day can eliminate a lot of stress and confusion on the big day, especially when you're taking care of all the other important details.					
Check when Complete	Task	1 Day Prior to Moving Day					
	Make sure everyone's cell phone is fully charged.	Don't want to be out of contact on such an important day!					
	Have everyone pack one or two bags (no more).	Having a suitcase with the following items can help make things easier once you move in:					
		Eyeglasses	Medications	3 days worth of clothes			
		Favorite toy for the kids	Favorite toy for your pets	Toiletries (if not in "Open Me First" box)			
Check when Complete	Task	Moving Day!					
	Take all garbage out of the house.	Movers get into huge trouble for leaving anything behind. Many people have been shocked to find their garbage packed into their garbage cans and sent along for the move!					
		Here are some final items to verify before shutting the for for the last time:					
	Perform final checks before leaving current home, for last time.	Make sure all exterior, movable items are packed (hoses, sprinklers, lawn ornaments)	Make sure all areas of house are empty (frig/freezer, stove, drawer under stove, closets, bathrooms, under porch garage, attics or crawlways)	Keys and Garage door			
		A/C, Fans and/or Heat turned off	All Lights turned off				
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