

# Packing & Moving Checklist

TWO MONTH TIMELINE // provided by THE HARRISONBURG HOMES TEAM @ Kline May Realty

## 2 MONTHS BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Start gathering boxes of varying sizes
- Pack up and clean out outbuildings
- Start eating frozen and perishable foods
- Keep a list of incoming mail and notify change of address
- Notify schools and make transfer arrangements, if applicable
- Hire a moving company, if desired

### Pack:

- Decor, vases, candles, and other fragile items
- Art
- Family photos and albums
- Books
- Out-of-season items/clothing/gear/accessories
- Outdoor supplies

## 1 MONTH BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Set aside any important documents, such as medical records and birth certificates, to keep with you during the move

### Pack:

- Infrequently used kitchen items, pantry foods, cookbooks
- Items in your storage closets

## 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Notify your insurance companies, accountant, bank, etc., about your change of address
- Dispose properly of any unwanted chemicals, fuel, etc.

### Pack:

- Table linens and fine china
- Coat closet
- Board games, puzzles, and infrequently used toys
- Craft and sewing supplies

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Arrange childcare, if necessary, for moving day
- Arrange transportation and care of family pets

### Pack:

- Home office
- Linen closet
- Jewelry
- Infrequently used bathroom supplies and toiletries
- Mudroom

## 1 WEEK BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Redirect mail to your new address through the post office
- Change address on license and registration for vehicles

### Pack:

- Movies, video games, speakers, and other electronics/entertainment items
- Clothing, accessories, and shoes (except what is needed for a week)
- Medicines/remedies
- Miscellaneous items (you'll find them!)

## 5 DAYS BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Finalize utility accounts, including disconnection and connection at new address
- Change address on any subscription, newspaper, or home delivery services

### Pack:

- Bathrooms (except what is needed for 5 days)
- Toys (except for a few that the kids choose to keep out)

## 3 DAYS BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Cancel any lawn mowing and cleaning services
- Empty trash cans and clear out the garage/carport

### Pack:

- Suitcases with what is needed for the next few days
- Curtains/draperies, if applicable (run through the wash first)
- Kitchen – everything, including food (hello, take-out!)

## 1 DAY BEFORE THE MOVE

### Prepare:

- Defrost the freezer
- Clean all appliances – inside and out
- Take apart furniture so that it can be easily moved

### Pack:

- A box with essentials for the first day, such as coffee, soap, toilet paper, paper goods, etc.
- Laundry room
- Last of the toys
- Cleaning supplies, except what you'll need for final clean-up

## MOVING DAY

### Prepare:

- Carry all important documents with you (stick this box in your car first so you know it stays with you!)
- Stash essentials box into your vehicle (or last on the moving truck)
- Double check that nothing has been left behind
- Sweep, vacuum, and dust all rooms after everything is out
- Make sure all faucets and lights are turned off
- Lock doors and windows and collect all keys
- Perhaps take one last photo of your old place

### Pack:

- All linens removed from beds
- Towels used that day
- Final necessities into suitcases
- Cleaning supplies

## AFTER THE MOVE

- Clean before your stuff enters, if possible. Cleaning before unpacking anything works well, too.
- Change the locks, because you never know who has key copies.
- Paint. The best time is before the room has any furniture in it.
- Inspect your belongings to ensure everything is accounted for and in tact.
- Lay out essentials for children and pets to get them more comfortable in the new space.
- Make the beds, because you'll be tired.
- Meet the neighbors.

## PACKING TIPS

- ▶ Wrap items individually, placing the heaviest items on the bottom and lightest items on the top.
- ▶ Pack similar items and sets in the same box.
- ▶ Label each box as you go with a description and the room it belongs to.
- ▶ Pack books in small boxes because they get heavy.
- ▶ Clean or wipe off everything as you pack them so you don't bring your old dirt to your new home.
- ▶ Disconnect appliances from power and water supply just before final lock-up.
- ▶ Dispose properly of expired food, liquids, and medicines as you pack.

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