

MOVING TIPS AND CHECKLISTS

START EARLY

- Prepare a "Move" file to keep receipts of moving expenses.
- Research and obtain estimates from moving companies and/or truck rental companies.
- Hire a moving company or if you're doing it yourself, reserve a moving truck. Be sure to get written confirmation of all your costs and details of your move for your records.

TIP: Weekends and holiday long weekends are busy times for movers and truck rental companies. Book far in advance (at least 2 to 3 months) to ensure you get a moving truck for the day you need to move.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BC Hydro | <input type="checkbox"/> BC Medical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fortis BC | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools, Daycare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone (Home, Cell) | <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer and Business Associates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Club/Gym |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banks | <input type="checkbox"/> Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Accountant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Dental Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Revenue Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> House Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old Age Security/CPP/Pension | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaper |

BEFORE MOVING DAY

2 Months Before:

- Call your insurance agent and transfer or arrange coverage for your new home; make sure enough insurance is in place to cover your belongings while in transit or storage. Provide this information to your notary/lawyer.
- If you have children and you are moving to a new school district, start arranging the school transferring process.
- Collect boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, tissue paper, stock up on newspaper, etc. required for your move.
- If applicable, contact the Strata Manager or Strata Council of your new home to advise of move in date and to book an elevator/door security (in some complexes).

1 Month Before:

- Time to start packing! Be sure to clearly label your boxes to make the unpacking easier.
- As you pack, make note of the condition of items of significant value in case anything is lost or damaged. Pictures are very helpful.
- Dispose of flammable items.
- Arrange mail-forwarding with Canada Post. You can do this on their website.
- Set up utility accounts at your new address to begin on the possession date (gas, hydro, cable/internet, etc.).
- ← Check this list for companies and institutions to inform of your new address.

TIP: Many companies now offer the convenience of changing address information online.

- Change your address with multiple government organizations: <https://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca>
- Canada Post Moving Notification: <https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/personal/receiving/moving-house.page>
- Canada Post Mail Forwarding: <https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/personal/receiving/manage-mail/mail-forwarding.page>

BEFORE MOVING DAY

2 Weeks Before:

- Confirm your reservations with your movers or truck rental company.
If required, cancel or transfer your newspaper and any other delivery services.
- Set aside the items of importance you wish to transport to your new home yourself (ie. jewelry and passports).
- Most of your packing should be completed one week prior to moving day.
- A Few Days Before:
- Re-confirm arrival time of your moving truck or rental truck reservations.
- Prepare a detailed map and instructions for your movers including a cell phone number you can be reached at.
- Pack a travel bag with the items your family may need on moving day such as change of clothing, medications, paper plates and cups, etc.
- If you are moving yourself, start dismantling beds and other large furniture.
- Clean all drapes, rugs, floors, and stove.
- Defrost freezer and clean fridge on the day before the move.

MOVING DAY

- Be present when the truck is being loaded and unloaded just in case your movers have questions.
Make a note of all utility meter readings (new and old home).
- Complete any final cleaning of bathrooms, floors, etc.
- Leave garage door openers, extra keys, warranties, house plans, and manuals.
- Double check all closets, drawers, and shelves to be sure they are empty.
- Furnace shut off.
- Windows and doors locked securely.
- Inspect your belongings at the new house before the movers leave, and note on the inventory paperwork any damaged items.