

COMPLETE MOVING GUIDE

YOUR STEP-BY-STEP PLAN FOR A
SMOOTH MOVE

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PLANNING YOUR MOVE

STEP 1: PREPARATION & BUDGETING



"Build your plan and budget first, then work steadily. A solid strategy prevents the unorganized sprint."

1 Budget Essentials



- 🐾 Moving services & truck size estimation
- 🐾 Packing materials (boxes, tape, bubble wrap)
- 🐾 Storage units or temporary housing needs
- 🐾 Additional insurance for high-value items
- 🐾 Travel costs: fuel, meals, & hotels
- 🐾 Pet & child care during moving day

2 Get Organized

- 🐾 Create a master checklist and timeline
- 🐾 Take a quick home inventory by room
- 🐾 Set a strict packing finish date

PRO TIPS: EARLY WINS

- 🐾 Order boxes, tape, & padding now
- 🐾 Start change-of-address list (banks, employer)
- 🐾 Book your estimate with **Near North Movers**



SMART PACKING STRATEGIES

STEP 2: PACK LESS, PACK RIGHT

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“ A little strategy goes a long way. Use these pro tips to keep your belongings safe and make unpacking a breeze.

Preparation

Declutter First

- 🐾 Don't move what you don't need.
- 🐾 Donate, sell, or recycle unused items.
- 🐾 Lighter load = lower moving costs.

Technique

Smart Boxing

- 🐾 **Heavy items** (books) in small boxes.
- 🐾 **Light items** (linens) in large boxes.
- 🐾 Fill empty spaces with paper to stop shifting.

Organization

Label Clearly

- 🐾 Label on the **side**, not just the top.
- 🐾 Mark the Destination Room.
- 🐾 List 2-3 key contents per box.

Gather Supplies

- 🐾 Use standard size quality boxes.
- 🐾 Get plenty of tape and bubble wrap.
- 🐾 Clean items before packing them.

Fragile Care

- 🐾 Wrap breakables individually.
- 🐾 Pack plates vertically like records.
- 🐾 Use "Fragile" tape liberally.

"Open First" Box

Pack this last, unpack it first.

- 🐾 Toiletries, meds, phone chargers.
- 🐾 Coffee maker, snacks, tools.
- 🐾 Photo your electronics wiring before unplugging!



Short on time?

Ask us about Near North Movers professional packing services.

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YOUR MOVING TIMELINE

PHASE 1: THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

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Stay on track with our week-by-week planner. Early preparation is the secret to a stress-free move.

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Weeks Before

THE "BIG PICTURE" PHASE

Sort & Purge

Walk through every room. Decide what to keep, sell, or donate. Be ruthless!

Request Records

Contact doctors, dentists, and schools to transfer records to your new location.

Check Insurance

Review your home or tenant insurance policy to ensure coverage during the move.

Storage & Logistics

Map out storage needs. Plan care for children and pets for the big day.

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Weeks Before

LOGISTICS & DETAILS

Pantry Challenge

Start using up frozen foods and pantry staples so you don't have to move them.

Appliance Service

Arrangement for major appliances to be serviced/disconnected for transport.

Safe Disposal

Properly dispose of non-movables: aerosols, flammables, paints, and propane.

Address Updates

File change-of-address with the post office. Update magazine subscriptions.

Travel Plans

Finalize any hotel bookings or travel arrangements for your trip.

YOUR MOVING TIMELINE

PHASE 2: THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

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 As the big day draws near, focus on logistics, transfers, and packing essentials.

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Weeks Before

CONFIRMATIONS & PACKING

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Week Before

ESSENTIALS & ASSEMBLY

Packing Plan

Finalize what you will pack yourself versus what you'd like our team to handle professionally.

Utilities Transfer

Close or transfer accounts for hydro, gas, and water. Schedule connections at your new home.

Visualize the Space

Sketch a simple floor plan. Decide where furniture goes to make moving day twice as fast.

Tech Setup

Confirm installation dates for internet, TV, and home phone services at your new address.



Banking Updates

Transfer accounts to a local branch if moving far. Update billing addresses for credit cards.

Survival Kit

Pack a "First Night" box with chargers, snacks, toiletries, and pet essentials. Keep it separate.

Outdoor Items

Drain water hoses and remove gasoline from lawnmowers or other power equipment.

Prepare for Packers

If using our packing service, group small items together so they are easy for us to box up safely.

Gather Documents

Collect all important papers, passports, and medicines to carry with you personally.

✓ You've planned for weeks. Now follow this final checklist to ensure nothing gets left behind on the big day.

The Day Before

LAST MINUTE TASKS

Load-Last Box

Pack cleaning supplies, paper towels, and toilet paper in a clearly marked box to be loaded last.

Kitchen Prep

Defrost, clean, and dry your refrigerator and freezer. Leave doors slightly ajar to prevent mold.

Personal Essentials

Finish packing suitcases with clothes and toiletries. Prepare your personal tote bag for the car.

Coffee Kit

Set aside the coffee maker and mugs. You'll want easy access on moving morning!

Moving Day

IT'S GO TIME!

Be Present

Stay on-site to answer movers' questions, review the inventory list, and sign the bill of lading.

Final Walkthrough

Check every room, closet, attic, garage, and shed one last time to ensure nothing is left behind.

Secure the Home

Take photos of utility meters. Lock all windows and doors. Turn off lights and heat/AC.

Key Handoff

Leave keys and garage openers in the agreed-upon spot for the new owners.

Confirm Destination

Ensure the driver has your correct new address and contact number before they depart.

 **PRO TIP:** Take a moment to breathe! You've done the hard work. Let our team handle the heavy lifting while you focus on your new beginning.

IMPORTANT LISTS

STEP 4: RECORDS & NOTIFICATIONS

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-  Keep these items personally with you during the move—do not pack them in the moving truck.

Records & Documents

-  Passports & IDs
-  School Transcripts
-  Lease or Deed Papers
-  Vet Records
-  Medical/Dental Records
-  Insurance Policies
-  Moving Contracts
-  Bank Records

High-Value Items

DO NOT PACK!

-  Jewelry & Watches
-  Stocks & Bonds
-  Laptops & Hard Drives
-  Camera Equipment
-  Cash & Checkbooks
-  Collections (Coins, etc)
-  Family Heirlooms
-  Backup Keys

Notify These Services

-  Hydro / Electricity
-  Internet & TV
-  CRA / Tax Agency
-  Employer / HR
-  Gas & Water
-  Home/Auto Insurance
-  Banks & Credit Cards
-  Subscription Services

Travel Kit Checklist

-  Prescription Meds
-  Phone Chargers
-  Pet Food & Leash
-  Flashlight & Batteries
-  Change of Clothes
-  Snacks & Water
-  Toys/Games for Kids
-  Toiletries Kit



From planning to packing to the final box, we make your transition smooth and stress-free.

Our Premium Services

- Local & Long Distance Moves
- Professional Packing & Unpacking
- Secure Short & Long-Term Storage
- Specialty Item Handling (Pianos, Safes)
- Quality Packing Supplies & Boxes
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