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# Renter's Moving Checklist



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- Review Lease Terms:** Carefully read through your rental agreement to understand your obligations, such as providing proper notice, cleaning requirements, and any potential fees or penalties.
- Coordinate Move-Out and Move-In Dates:** Confirm the exact dates when you need to vacate your current rental and when you can move into your new place, ensuring a smooth transition.
- Measure Furniture:** Measure your larger furniture pieces to ensure they can fit through doorways and stairwells in your new home.
- Declutter:** Go through your belongings and get rid of items you no longer need or use, making the move easier and potentially saving you money.
- Plan the Move:** Decide whether you'll hire professional movers or do it yourself, and create a timeline for packing and organizing the move.
- Research Parking Regulations:** Check if you need any special permits or passes for parking a moving truck or container near your new home.
- Coordinate Utilities:** Arrange for the transfer or set-up of essential utilities (electricity, water, gas, internet, etc.) at your new place and schedule disconnection at your current residence.
- Change Address:** Notify important parties (employers, banks, subscription services, etc.) of your new address to ensure uninterrupted mail delivery.
- Pets:** Make necessary arrangements for the safe and comfortable move of your pets, such as updating their identification tags and microchip information.



- Renters Insurance:** Evaluate your renter's insurance coverage and update it if necessary to protect your belongings during the move and at your new home.
- Walk-Through:** Schedule a final walk-through of your current rental with the landlord or property manager to document any potential damages or necessary repairs.
- Consider an Inspection:** Arrange for a professional inspection of your new home to identify any potential issues or needed repairs before moving in.
- Swap Keys:** Coordinate the exchange of keys with your new landlord or property manager, ensuring you have proper access to your new home.
- Start Packing:** Begin packing your belongings, labeling boxes by room and contents for an organized move.
- Hire a Cleaning Service:** Consider hiring professional cleaners to ensure your current rental is thoroughly cleaned before moving out, potentially avoiding any cleaning fees or deductions from your security deposit.
- Settle Outstanding Bills:** Pay any outstanding utility bills, rent, or other fees associated with your current rental to avoid any issues or penalties.
- Items to Leave Behind:** Determine what items (if any) you need to leave behind at your current rental, such as window coverings or appliances.
- Returns:** Return any cable boxes, internet equipment, or other rented items to their respective providers.
- Moving Day Survival Kit:** Pack a separate bag or box with essential items you'll need on moving day, such as snacks, water, toiletries, and important documents.
- Take Pictures:** Document the condition of your new home by taking pictures before moving in, which can be helpful if any disputes arise later regarding damages or repairs.