

# Moving Across the Country Checklist

## 1. Pick your moving date

If possible, aim to move mid-week, mid-month, and mid-winter to get the cheapest prices.

## 2. Declutter

Donate or sell anything you don't need to bring with you. The less you have, the less your move will cost.

## 3. Compare quotes and book your move

Get quotes from at least three moving companies to compare. Book at least a month in advance, if possible.

## 4. Figure out moving insurance

Evaluate how much your belongings are worth to figure out what level of insurance you need.

## 5. Confirm your move-in date

Ask your new landlord or real estate agent when your new home will be ready.

## 6. Get packing supplies

Pick up any boxes, packing tape, packing peanuts, moving blankets, and other supplies you might need.

## 7. Plan your route and book accommodations

Map out your trip across the country and find places to stay along the way.

## 8. Figure out your ETA

Aim to arrive earlier in the day so you can get your utilities set up quickly.

## 9. Forward your mail

Set up mail forwarding with the USPS about two weeks before your move.

## 10. Label and pack everything by room

Start with the things you probably won't need for a while. End with the things you'll need first.

## 11. Pack a first-night bag

Keep out all the things you'll need the first night in your new place and pack them separately.

## 12. Pack food

Bring some nonperishable snacks and put any perishable food in a cooler with ice.

## 13. Load strategically

Put the things you won't immediately need at the back of the truck or pod so they'll be out of the way.

## 14. Check the weather forecast

Use an app to see if there are any potentially dangerous weather and road conditions before driving.

## 15. Bring change for tolls (or buy an EZ pass)

Learn more about moving in at <https://www.homebay.com/moving/moving-checklist>.