


# Moving

## CHECKLIST

### TWO MONTHS PRIOR

- Start house hunting!
- Work with a realtor to prepare your home for sale. This includes listing your home, scheduling inspections and setting your closing date.  
**PRO TIP!** *If you don't have a real estate agent yet, we know some fantastic agents and brokers!*
- Take photos. Before you start moving preparations, take photos of your home to look back on.  
**PRO TIP!** *Document the journey to capture special memories, and maybe even identify a keepsake or treasure.*
- Start decluttering! In each room, decide what stays and what goes. And don't forget the basement attic and garage.  
**PRO TIP!** *Consider what you'll need where you're moving: (Will you really need that snow shovel in Miami? Maybe donate or sell instead of taking it!)*
- Take inventory of valuables you're taking— with photos and written descriptions  
**PRO TIP!** *Movers take inventory, but keep your own records, too. Take a video while you open closets, storage totes, drawers, etc. for easy documentation.*
- Organize records. If you have kids, arrange a record transfer from their current schools. Get copies of everyone's medical records, and get recommendations for doctors in your new community. Also organize your personal documents, birth certificates, marriage certificates, Social Security cards, etc.  
**PRO TIP!** *Discovering local amenities can ease your transition. Check for a nearby yoga studio, gym, or coffee shop in your new community while your mover handles the logistics, allowing you to prepare for settling in.*

### 5 TO 6 WEEKS PRIOR

- Choose your moving company partner. Make reservations with plenty of time in advance to secure your ideal day and time.  
**PRO TIP!** *As you consider moving companies, look out for red flags: a lack of license/insurance, no written contract, ANY up-front deposits, poor reviews, unprofessional equipment, a physical address that's not in your market, cash-only payments, and a lack of transparency.*
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**Book and sign a contract with Scobey to be confident you're getting a reputable moving company who'll deliver great results!**
- Finalize real estate or rental needs. Renters: Communicate with your landlord about upcoming move for move-out guidelines or policies you'll need to follow. Buyers: Talk with your realtor about specifics of your closing date, etc.  
**PRO TIP!** *When do you need to be out of your house? The move-out date is approximately the center point of your move — and you can work backward and forward from there.*
  - Prepare your family for the move. Start the conversation early to prepare them for the transition. If possible, arrange to visit your new home with your family  
**PRO TIP!** *Moving can be tough for families, but open and supportive conversations can make the transition smoother and more positive.*

## 1 MONTH PRIOR

- Notify utility companies of your move date and arrange for your new accounts to begin when you arrive at your new house.

**PRO TIP!** *Don't forget about your other services! Remember to notify your pest control services, A/C maintenance, internet, cable, and pool or lawn care, subscription services, water softener maintenance, gutter cleanout services, etc — and prepare for those services at your new residence!*

## 1 WEEK PRIOR

- Confirm specific details with your mover — arrive times, exact directions to your new home, and best contact information.

- Clean. To save time, begin cleaning rooms you don't use often. It's also a good idea to make a "survival closet" containing things for the last clean up before you move out, or items you want to handle personally.

**PRO TIP!** *Movers usually start in the rooms farthest from the front door. If possible, choose a closet far away from the front door, so items will be quickly accessible.*

- Pets — make sure they're secured while the movers are in your house.

**PRO TIP!** *Did you know Scobey also has pet moving services? Talk with us to find out more*

- Grills/Lawnmowers/Gas-Powered Items — make sure they're emptied of gas/oil, and remove or return propane canisters.

- Clean out your refrigerators, microwave, and dishwasher.

## 1-2 DAYS PRIOR

- Pack important documents (passports, checkbooks, mortgage closing papers) separately to be easily accessible — and keep the suitcase with you personally as you move.

## DAY OF THE MOVE

- Pack a "day of the move" box or suitcase with essential items and clothes for the next days and night.

**PRO TIP!** *You'll be exhausted after the move and when it's time to get ready for bed. Keep a set of clean sheets available for your new beds.*

- Place any refrigerated and frozen items in coolers.

- Eat a healthy breakfast. A nutrient rich breakfast will help you stay energized throughout the (long) moving day.

- Initial walk-through

**PRO TIP!** *Take time for an initial walk-through with the movers, with a thorough inventory of your items.*

- Lock up. Walk through the entire house and make sure all items have been removed, the windows are locked, the lights are off, and the doors are locked and closed.

**PRO TIP!** *Use the "Touch and Speak Method." Literally touch the door/shelf/cabinet/ window/ lock and say "Done." You'll get a good dopamine hit... and you're less likely to miss something in the hustle and bustle!*

**Breathe! You've done a great job. Now sit back and let Scobey handle the rest!**

SCAN THE CODE to get started with your move!

