

YOU'VE GOT THIS!



The Choice Realty Moving Kit



A simple, step-by-step guide
to a less stressful move.

Packing today. Moving tomorrow. Welcome home!



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YOU ARE HERE.

Moving can feel like a lot. Boxes. Decisions. Address changes. Utilities. Packing. Cleaning. And that nagging feeling that you're forgetting something important.

That's exactly why we created this guide.

The Choice Realty Moving Kit breaks your move into small, manageable steps so you don't have to figure everything out at once.

START HERE

Take a look at your moving date. Find the section of this guide that matches where you are in your move. Then simply start with the next thing on the list.

**You don't have to do everything today.
You just need to know what comes next.**

One list. One box. One step at a time.

YOU'VE GOT THIS!



YOU ARE HERE

YOUR MOVING ROADMAP

Find where you are.
START THERE.

You don't have to start at the beginning.
Find your place on the road,
turn to that section, and
take the next step.



**8-12
WEEKS OUT**

SORT & SIMPLIFY
Declutter • Donate •
Decide what is moving
with you



**4-6
WEEKS OUT**

GET ORGANIZED
Moving plan • Supplies •
Start packing



**2-3
WEEKS OUT**

MAKE THE SWITCH
Utilities • Address changes •
Records & notifications



FINAL WEEK

THE HOME STRETCH
Finish packing • Essentials •
Cleaning • Confirm details



MOVING DAY

YOU'RE READY!
Final walk-through • Keys •
Load up • One last check



WELCOME HOME!

SETTLE IN
Unpack the essentials •
Get comfortable •
Take a minute to enjoy it

♥
**ONE STEP
AT A TIME.**
You've got this!

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8–12 WEEKS OUT

DECLUTTER & SIMPLIFY

Less stuff now = less to pack later.

When buyers walk through your home, you want them looking at the space — not everything in it. Give each room a little breathing room so buyers can begin imagining their furniture, their photos and their life in the home.

THE RULE OF 3

For countertops, coffee tables, bathroom counters and other visible surfaces: keep it simple — no more than 3 items.

A lamp, a plant and a book? Perfect. Everything else gets put away, packed or sorted.

GRAB 3 BOXES



KEEP



DONATE



GARBAGE

KEEP — Things you use, love or are taking to your new home.

DONATE — Good items you no longer need that someone else can use.

GARBAGE — Broken, expired or worn-out items that don't need to make the move.

START SMALL

- ☐ Pick ONE room
- ☐ Clear the visible surfaces first
- ☐ Open one drawer, cabinet or closet at a time
- ☐ Sort each item: KEEP • DONATE • GARBAGE
- ☐ Pack things you're keeping but won't need before the move
- ☐ Take donations out of the house instead of letting them pile up

A good goal: your home should still feel warm and lived in — just lighter, cleaner and easier for a buyer to imagine as their own.

4–6 WEEKS OUT

GET ORGANIZED

First things first — what's your moving plan?

HIRING MOVERS?

- ☐ Get estimates and choose your moving company
- ☐ Confirm your moving date
- ☐ Ask what they will — and won't — move
- ☐ Find out what you need to pack yourself

HAVING A MOVING PARTY?

- ☐ Line up your helpers
- ☐ Reserve or arrange a moving truck/trailer
- ☐ Gather dollies, moving blankets and tie-downs
- ☐ Don't forget the food & drinks!

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Moving boxes in a variety of sizes
- ☐ Packing tape & tape dispenser
- ☐ Packing paper or protective wrap
- ☐ Permanent markers
- ☐ Labels
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Zip-top bags for small parts, screws & hardware

AND...START PACKING!

Start with things you won't need between now and moving day: seasonal items • décor • extra linens • books • keepsakes • rarely used kitchen items.

PACK BY ROOM. LABEL EVERY BOX.

Write the ROOM and a quick description of the CONTENTS on each box.

Start a FIRST NIGHT BOX now. We'll help you fill it as moving day gets closer.

2–3 WEEKS OUT

MAKE THE SWITCH

It's time to start moving your address — before you move your boxes!

CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

- ☐ Complete your Change of Address with the U.S. Postal Service
- ☐ Update banks & credit cards
- ☐ Update insurance companies
- ☐ Update employer
- ☐ Update doctors, dentists & pharmacies
- ☐ Update subscriptions, schools, clubs, organizations, friends & family

SOLD YOUR HOME? PLAN FOR THE FINAL WALK-THROUGH

If you've sold your home, your buyer will typically have a final walk-through before closing. Ask your real estate broker when it is expected and plan to have the home ready.

- ☐ Make sure agreed-upon repairs/items have been completed
- ☐ Leave anything that is supposed to stay with the home
- ☐ Don't pack those remotes — we'll remind you again on Moving Day!

UTILITIES — OLD HOUSE

- ☐ Schedule electric, gas, water/sewer, garbage, internet/cable to end or transfer on the appropriate possession/transfer date
- ☐ Provide a forwarding address for final bills or refunds
- ☐ Ask whether any equipment needs to be returned

UTILITIES — NEW HOUSE

Pull out your Utilities Addendum from your real estate paperwork. Use it to identify providers and begin setting up service in your name.

- ☐ Electric
- ☐ Gas
- ☐ Water/Sewer
- ☐ Garbage
- ☐ Internet/Cable

DON'T FORGET AUTOPAY!

Review bank and credit-card statements for automatic payments connected to your current home. Cancel, transfer or update them as needed.

FINAL WEEK

THE HOME STRETCH

Almost there! This week is about finishing, confirming & keeping everyone sane.

FINISH PACKING & CLEANING

- ☐ Finish packing everything except daily essentials
- ☐ Clean rooms as they empty
- ☐ Empty and clean the refrigerator & freezer
- ☐ Set aside cleaning supplies for one last cleanup
- ☐ Keep important documents, medications & valuables WITH YOU — not on the moving truck

CONFIRM YOUR MOVING PLAN

- ☐ Confirm movers, truck or trailer
- ☐ Confirm arrival/start time
- ☐ Confirm your helpers
- ☐ Make a plan for food, drinks & plenty of water
- ☐ Charge your phones!

PREPARE YOUR PEOPLE

Spouse/Partner — Make sure you both know the plan, timing and who's responsible for what.

Kids — Pack a backpack with favorite toys, snacks, electronics, chargers and a change of clothes.

Pets — Plan where they'll safely stay while doors are open and people are coming and going.

- ☐ Kennel/carrier
- ☐ Leash
- ☐ Food & treats
- ☐ Food/water bowls
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Favorite blanket or toy

FINISH YOUR FIRST NIGHT BOX

Toilet paper • towels • toiletries • pajamas • clean clothes • chargers • medications • coffee & coffee maker • paper towels • basic tools • pet supplies

CLOSING FUNDS — VERIFY BEFORE YOU WIRE

If you're wiring funds for closing, get instructions from your closing/escrow company and confirm exactly what your bank needs. Never rely on wiring instructions received only by email.

Independently call your closing/escrow company using a known, trusted phone number and verbally verify the instructions before sending money.

MOVING DAY!

**Today's not the day to organize the junk drawer.
LOAD IT! MOVE IT! YOU'VE GOT THIS!**

KEEP THE PLAN MOVING

- ☐ Keep phones charged & accessible
- ☐ Keep valuables, medications & important documents WITH YOU
- ☐ Keep your First Night Box where you can find it
- ☐ Have water & snacks handy
- ☐ Keep kids & pets safely out of the moving traffic
- ☐ Do one final sweep of every room, closet, cabinet & storage area

WHAT STAYS WITH THE HOUSE?

- ☐ **House & mailbox keys**
- ☐ Garage door remotes
- ☐ Fireplace remotes
- ☐ Blind/shade remotes
- ☐ Ceiling fan remotes
- ☐ Gate or security remotes
- ☐ Appliance manuals & warranties
- ☐ Any other keys, codes or controls that belong with the home

WHERE DO THE KEYS GO?

Don't guess on moving day. Confirm ahead of time where the keys and remotes should be left — or who will receive them.

THE LAST WALK-THROUGH

- ☐ Check closets
- ☐ Check cabinets & drawers
- ☐ Check refrigerator & freezer
- ☐ Check garage, shed & outdoor areas
- ☐ Remove remaining trash
- ☐ Take a final look around

**Lock up. Hand off the keys. Get in the car.
YOU MOVED IT!**

WELCOME HOME!

YOU MADE IT!

The boxes are in. The keys are yours. Take a minute, look around and enjoy it.

OPEN YOUR MOVING SURVIVAL KIT!

Because nobody wants to search through 27 boxes looking for a roll of toilet paper.

We've included a few things to help you survive those first hours in your new home:

Paper plates • Plastic silverware • Garbage bags • Toilet paper • Paper towels

And maybe a little something for dinner — because you've done enough for one day!

SETTLE IN

You don't have to unpack everything tonight. Start with what you need. Make the beds. Feed everybody. Find the coffee maker. The rest can wait until tomorrow.

And when you see your new neighbors... smile & say hello! You never know when a simple introduction might turn into a great friendship.

ONE LAST THING...

We hope you felt well cared for throughout your move.

If you know someone who is thinking about buying or selling a home and would appreciate the same care, we'd be honored if you'd introduce us.

Simply share their name and number with us, and we'll take good care of them too.

WELCOME HOME.