

Manly Movers Moving Checklist

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Pre-Move Checklist 6-8 Weeks Before Your Move



Schedule Time Off for Your Move

- Arrange vacation days if needed for packing, moving, and unpacking.

Create a Moving Budget

- Estimate costs for moving services, packing supplies, storage, and unexpected expenses.
- Read customer reviews to choose a trustworthy and reliable company.
- Book early to secure your preferred moving date.

Plan for Additional Services

- Determine if you'll need packing assistance or storage.
- Contact your moving company early to arrange any extra services.

Mid-Stage Preparation 4-6 Weeks Before



Notify Your Landlord or Realtor

- If renting, provide written notice to your landlord.
- If selling, coordinate with your realtor regarding closing dates and access.

Gather Packing Supplies

- Collect sturdy moving boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and markers.
- Use high-quality moving boxes for better stacking and transport efficiency.

Begin Packing Non-Essentials

- Pack items you won't need for the next few weeks.
- Start with spare rooms, basements, storage areas, and garage.

Label Boxes Clearly

- Mark each box with its contents and destination room.
- Use color-coded labels to simplify unloading and unpacking.

Arrange for Child & Pet Care

- Moving day can be busy—consider arranging for children or pets to stay with family or friends.

Notify Regular Service Providers

- Inform house cleaners, lawn care, and other scheduled services about your move.

Inventory Your Belongings

- Make a list of all furniture, appliances, electronics, and fragile items.
- Take special note of musical instruments, antiques, collectibles, and valuables.

Confirm Any Special Care Items

- If you have delicate, oversized, or high-value possessions, discuss handling instructions with your moving company.

Ask About Virtual or In-Home Surveys

- Some companies offer virtual or in-home surveys to assess moving needs and provide accurate estimates.



It's Getting Serious 2-3 Weeks Before:

Update Your Address

- Notify friends, family, employers, and essential organizations of your move.
- Set up mail forwarding with Canada Post.
- Inform banks, insurance providers, credit card companies, and other key services.

Confirm Moving Details

- Reconfirm dates and times with your moving company.
- Provide any updates to your moving inventory.

Manage Utilities & Deliveries

- Schedule disconnection and reconnection of utilities at your new address.
- Coordinate deliveries of new appliances or furniture to avoid delays.

Coordinate Pre-Move-In Cleaning

- Arrange for cleaning and preparation of your new home before arrival.

Continue Packing

- Pack items you use infrequently.
- Take photos of electronics connections for easy setup later

Visit the Eco-Station for Recycling & Disposal

- Safely dispose of junk, recyclables, electronics, and hazardous materials before moving day.

Plan Meals

- Plan simple, easy-to-cook meals for the days before and after the move.

Arrange for Final Trash Pickup

- Schedule a final trash and recycling pickup if needed.



Final Preparations 1 Week Before



Prepare Appliances

- Empty, defrost, and clean the fridge and freezer.
- Clean the stove, dishwasher, and other appliances.
- Take photos or videos of furniture and appliances for documentation.

Pack Remaining Items

- Finish packing everything except daily essentials.

Make a Moving Day Survival Kit

- Include snacks, water, phone chargers, first aid kit, and basic tools.

Check the Weather Forecast

- Plan for any potential weather-related challenges on moving day

Pack an Essentials Box

- Include items you'll need immediately: toiletries, clothes, snacks, tools, important documents, and medications.

Secure Valuables & Important Items

- Pack jewelry, sensitive electronics, cash, and personal documents to take with you.

Clean the House

- Deep clean your current home or arrange for a cleaning service.

Confirm Service & Delivery Appointments

- Reconfirm utility setup and delivery times for new appliances and furniture.

Pro Tips from Manly Movers



Don't Leave Packing to the Last Minute

- Your items should be fully packed and ready to go before moving day.
- Last-minute packing causes delays and can increase moving costs.
- If you need extra help, check with your moving company to explore packing assistance options

Keep Your Home Tidy for a Safer Move

- Your home doesn't need to be spotless, but keeping it free of clutter, tripping hazards, and pet hair makes for a smoother, more efficient move.



Execution Moving Day



Wake Up Early

- Start the day prepared and ready before the movers arrive.

Take Essentials Box & Valuable Items with You

- Carry jewelry, sensitive electronics, cash, documents, medications, and other important items personally.

Supervise Movers

- Be available to answer questions and provide direction as needed.

Perform a Final Walkthrough

- Check all rooms, closets, cabinets, and storage spaces to ensure nothing is left behind.

Final Clean-Up

- Do a final cleaning of your old home or arrange for a cleaning service.

Lock Up

- Secure the property before leaving—lock doors and windows, turn off lights, and confirm utilities are shut off.

Moving companies cannot pack or transport the following items:

- Perishable foods
- Dirty dishes or laundry
- Garbage or recyclables
- Medication, alcohol, or marijuana
- Jewelry, cash, or valuables
- Important documents
- Personal hygiene products
- Harsh chemicals, flammables, or paint
- Firearms, ammunition, explosives, or fireworks
- Houseplants

Use Mattress Bags for Hygiene & Protection

- Mattress bags prevent dirt, dust, and potential damage during transport.
- Avoid movers who transport mattresses without bags—this compromises cleanliness and hygiene.

TVs Should Always Be Moved in Boxes

- Transporting a TV without a proper box risks cracks, scratches, or internal damage.
- Ask if your moving company provides TV boxes. TVs should always be transported in boxes for safety.