

# BUYER MOVING CHECKLIST

MOVING INTO A NEW HOME IS AN EXCITING MILESTONE, BUT IT ALSO COMES WITH MANY IMPORTANT TASKS TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION. THIS CHECKLIST IS DESIGNED TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH EACH STEP, FROM SETTING UP UTILITIES AND UPDATING YOUR ADDRESS TO UNPACKING AND SETTLING IN. BY STAYING ORGANIZED AND PROACTIVE, YOU'LL BE READY TO ENJOY YOUR NEW HOME WITH CONFIDENCE.

## **4 Weeks Prior**

### **Create a Moving Binder**

- This is an organized list of what you'll want to do week by week (insert this checklist)
- Inventory your rooms and make a list of what is essential and non-essential
- Set an area aside for items to be disposed of or donated

### **Confirm Moving Details:**

- Schedule the move with your movers or truck rental, and verify timing and location.

### **Moving Tips:**

- Uhaul's website has some great tips for packing and moving.
- See [www.Uhaul.com/Tips/Moving](http://www.Uhaul.com/Tips/Moving)
- <https://www.uhaul.com/Tips/Packing>

**Research Moving Companies  
(If applicable, 3 to 4 Weeks Out)**

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## **3 Weeks Prior**

### **Pack Non-Essentials:**

- Start packing items you don't use daily (books, seasonal items, decor).

### **Pack valuable items and important documents separately:**

- Pack a box of immediate necessities, including toiletries, clothes, important documents, medications, and chargers.

### **Plan for Pets and Kids on Moving Day:**

- Arrange for care or activities for children and pets during the move to minimize stress and distractions.

## **2 Week Prior**

### **Plan your cleaning strategy or schedule a professional cleaner**

- The real estate purchase for contract for Utah states the home is to be left broom clean (pretty vague). Don't assume the seller will leave a spotless home for you, they rarely do.
- Having a crew lined up to help clean the home once you have possession rights.

### **Schedule Settlement with your agent and the title company**

- If necessary schedule someone to watch your children during this time

## **1 Week Prior**

### **Walkthrough Your New Home:**

- Conduct a final walkthrough to ensure everything is in order, and the seller has fulfilled any agreed-upon repairs or conditions.

### **Prepare an Essentials Box:**

- Pack a box of immediate necessities, including toiletries, clothes, important documents, medications, and chargers that you may need the day you move in.

## **Transfer Utilities (start of final week):**

- City:                       Electricity:                       Gas:
- Sewer:                       Secondary Water:                       Internet:
- Cable/Direct TV:

## **Transfer Mail**

- USPS:

## **Prepare for Settlement:**

- Your lending will send you a final Settlement Statement. You must review this and acknowledge you've seen it 3 days prior to being able to sign.
- Ask for wire instructions from the title company. You will want to transfer the "Due at Settlement" amount one day prior to Settlement.
- Ensure you have everything you need for the closing process, including identification, funds for closing costs, and any required paperwork.

## **1 day Prior to Settlement**

### **Check utilities are still scheduled to transfer to your name:**

- Confirm that utilities will be operational, including electricity, water, gas, and internet.
- Confirm the address of the title company and time you'll be signing.

## **Settlement Day**

- Bring a valid ID to closing and a secondary form of ID (credit card, membership card, etc).

## **Moving Day**

- Have someone check the home to make sure all utilities are fully operational, including electricity, water, gas.
- Begin cleaning your new home (if you get possession rights sooner than your move day, we suggest cleaning prior to moving in).
- Begin moving into your new home.

## **Post-Move**

### **Change Your Door Locks:**

- If you have a home warranty, they will most likely have a service to change out a limited number of locks on your home for a small deductible. If you don't have a home warranty, you may still want to consider doing this.
- Call your Home Owners insurance agent and make sure your coverage is in place

### **Set up accounts for any Smart Devices (doorbells, thermostats, etc.)**

In our request for information from the Seller, we have asked that they cancel their account for any smart device to allow you as the new owner to set up your new account and begin using the device. During setup, if you run into problems, it may be that the Seller did not cancel their account. If this is the case, notify us and we will reach out to the listing agent to ask the Seller to cancel the account.

### **Unpack Essentials First:**

- Focus on setting up essential areas, such as your kitchen, bathroom, and bedrooms, before tackling other rooms

### **Inspect Home Systems:**

- Test smoke detectors, security systems, and HVAC systems to ensure they're functioning properly.

### **Meet Your Neighbors:**

- Introduce yourself to your neighbors, which is a great way to build a community and get local recommendations.

### **Review Home Warranty Information:**

- Understand the coverage of your home warranty and note important contacts in case repairs are needed.

### **Tackle Maintenance:**

- Review the inspection report and prioritize any necessary repairs or seasonal maintenance.

### **Refer you friends and family and provide us with a 5 Star Review**

- We hope you had a 5 Star journey working with us. If so, we would greatly appreciate it if you would write us a 5 Star review on Google or Facebook. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be your realtors and we hope you'll always come back to us for all your real estate needs in the future.