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# The Moving Checklist

## *…week by week, box by box*

A move has a hundred small jobs. This checklist puts them in order, from eight weeks out to your first week in the new place, plus who to call for utilities around St. Louis.

**8**
weeks ahead is a good time to start planning

**1**
“open first” box that makes the first night easy

**30**
days or so to update your address everywhere that matters



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COUNTDOWN · PART 1

# Eight to three weeks before you move

## 8 weeks out

- [ ] Set your moving budget
- [ ] Get quotes from two or three licensed movers, or reserve a truck
- [ ] Start a moving folder for receipts, quotes, and contracts
- [ ] Walk through every room and decide what to sell, donate, or toss
- [ ] Ask your employer whether they cover any moving costs
- [ ] If you have kids, contact the new school district about enrollment

## 6 weeks out

- [ ] Book your mover or truck and confirm the date in writing
- [ ] Order boxes, tape, markers, and bubble wrap
- [ ] Hold a garage sale or list items online
- [ ] Schedule donation pickups for furniture you won't move
- [ ] Use up frozen food and pantry items
- [ ] Collect medical, dental, school, and vet records

## 4 weeks out

- [ ] File a change of address with USPS (usps.com)
- [ ] Schedule utility shut-off at the old home and start-up at the new one (see page 4)
- [ ] Schedule internet installation; appointments fill up
- [ ] Start packing rooms you use least: guest rooms, storage, books
- [ ] Label every box with its room and a short list of what's inside
- [ ] Arrange time off work for moving day

## 3 weeks out

- [ ] Confirm your closing date and time with your agent
- [ ] Arrange childcare and pet care for moving day
- [ ] Plan what goes in your car, not the truck (see page 3)
- [ ] Return library books and borrowed items
- [ ] Cancel or transfer memberships and subscriptions
- [ ] Take photos of how electronics are wired

COUNTDOWN · PART 2

# The last two weeks and moving day

## 2 weeks out

- [ ] Confirm the mover's arrival time, parking, and building rules
- [ ] Update your address with banks, cards, insurance, and employer
- [ ] Refill prescriptions
- [ ] Get your car serviced if you're driving a long way
- [ ] Plan meals that use up what's left in the fridge

## 1 week out

- [ ] Pack everything except what you'll use this week
- [ ] Pack your "open first" box (below)
- [ ] Defrost and clean the freezer if it's moving
- [ ] Get cash for tips and last-minute costs
- [ ] Schedule your final walk-through with your agent

## Moving day

- [ ] Be there when the movers arrive, and walk them through
- [ ] Check the inventory before signing anything
- [ ] Read the meters and photograph each one
- [ ] Do a last walk-through: closets, cabinets, attic, garage
- [ ] Leave keys, garage openers, and manuals as agreed

## Pack in your car, not the truck

- [ ] Important documents, closing papers, and IDs
- [ ] Medications and a first-aid kit
- [ ] Jewelry, valuables, and family keepsakes
- [ ] Laptops, phones, and chargers
- [ ] Pets, with food, water, leashes, and carriers

**The "open first" box:** toilet paper, paper towels, soap, a shower curtain and towels, sheets for every bed, a change of clothes, phone chargers, a box cutter, a basic tool kit, light bulbs, snacks, a coffee maker, and paper plates. Label it clearly and load it last.

LOCAL GUIDE

# Utilities and services around St. Louis

Providers depend on the exact address. Ask your agent or the seller who serves the home, and set up service a few weeks before you move.

| SERVICE | COMMON PROVIDERS (VARIES BY ADDRESS) |
|---|---|
| **Electric** | Ameren Missouri or Ameren Illinois. Some outlying areas are served by electric cooperatives. |
| **Natural gas** | Spire in Missouri; Ameren Illinois in the Metro East. |
| **Water** | Missouri American Water in much of St. Louis County; the City of St. Louis Water Division; Illinois American Water in much of the Metro East; or a city or public water district. |
| **Sewer** | Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) in the City and most of St. Louis County; elsewhere the city, a sewer district, or a private septic system. |
| **Trash & recycling** | Set by your city. Unincorporated St. Louis County uses trash districts with assigned haulers. |
| **Internet & TV** | Varies by street. Check which providers serve the address before you commit. |

## After you move in

### First week

- [ ] Change or rekey the locks and garage codes
- [ ] Find the water shut-off, electrical panel, and gas meter
- [ ] Test smoke and CO detectors
- [ ] Unpack the kitchen, bedrooms, and bathrooms first
- [ ] Meet your neighbors

### First month

- [ ] Update your driver’s license and vehicle registration
- [ ] Register to vote at your new address
- [ ] Missouri: declare your vehicles with the county assessor for personal property tax
- [ ] Illinois: ask the county assessor about homestead exemptions
- [ ] File your closing papers somewhere safe

# Keep it all in one place

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## We'll help you plan the move around your closing.

Timing a sale and a purchase, choosing a closing date, or finding a mover: DBK Realty helps clients on both sides of the river with all of it, and we're a phone call away after you move in.

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### My move

MOVING DATE & TIME

MOVING COMPANY & PHONE

CONFIRMATION NUMBER

CLOSING DATE & TIME

OLD ADDRESS UTILITIES OFF ON

NEW ADDRESS UTILITIES ON

INTERNET INSTALL DATE

WHERE THE KEYS ARE

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