



Moving Planner:

Your Step-by-Step Guide to a Successful Move

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8-12 Weeks Before Moving

1. Plan and Organize

- **Create a Moving Binder:** Organize important documents, receipts, and contracts related to your move.
- **Set a Moving Date:** Confirm your moving date and schedule with Folkstad Moving Service.
- **Budget:** Outline a budget for your move, including moving services, packing supplies, and travel expenses.
- **Declutter:** Sort through belongings and decide what to keep, donate, sell, or discard.

2. Research and Book Services

- **Hire a Moving Company:** Research and book a reputable moving company. Get estimates and confirm details.
 - **Book Additional Services:** Arrange for pet transport, auto shipping, or specialty moving services if needed.
 - **Contact Insurance:** Check your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy to understand coverage during the move.
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6-8 Weeks Before Moving

1. Start Packing

- **Gather Supplies:** Purchase boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, and markers.
- **Begin Packing Non-Essentials:** Pack items you won't need until after the move, such as seasonal clothing, decorations, and rarely used kitchen items.
- **Label Boxes:** Clearly label each box with its contents and the room it belongs to.

2. Notify Important Parties

- **Change of Address:** Update your address with the USPS, banks, credit cards, and any subscription services.
 - **Notify Utilities:** Schedule disconnection of utilities at your old home and connection at your new home.
 - **Transfer Records:** If you have children, notify their schools and arrange for the transfer of records.
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4-6 Weeks Before Moving

1. Confirm Details

- **Confirm with Movers:** Double-check all details with Folkstad Moving Service, including the moving date, estimated time of arrival, and any special instructions.
- **Finalize Travel Plans:** If moving long-distance, finalize travel arrangements, including accommodations and transportation.

2. Continue Packing

- **Pack Valuables:** Pack important documents, jewelry, and small valuables in a secure box that you will personally transport.
- **Prepare Appliances:** Schedule disconnection of appliances and begin preparing them for the move.

3. Take Care of Repairs

- **Home Repairs:** Complete any necessary repairs or cleaning required by your lease or sale agreement.
- **Vehicle Maintenance:** If driving to your new home, ensure your vehicle is serviced and ready for the trip.

2-4 Weeks Before Moving

1. Wrap Up Packing

- **Pack Remaining Items:** Finish packing the rest of your belongings, leaving only essentials for the last few days.
- **Label Fragile Items:** Clearly mark boxes with fragile items and ensure they are packed securely.

2. Manage Financials

- **Settle Accounts:** Pay any outstanding bills, and close or transfer accounts for utilities, memberships, and services.
- **Prepare Cash:** Have cash on hand for moving day tips, meals, and any last-minute purchases.

1 Week Before Moving

1. Final Preparations

- **Defrost Freezer:** If moving your refrigerator, defrost it a few days before the move to avoid leaks.
- **Pack an Essentials Box:** Include items like toiletries, medications, clothing, important documents, and basic kitchen supplies.

- **Confirm Arrangements:** Reconfirm moving details with Folkstad Moving Service, including arrival time and contact information.

2. Prepare Your New Home

- **Clean the New Home:** If possible, clean your new home before moving in.
 - **Check Utilities:** Confirm that all utilities are connected and working.
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Moving Day

1. Oversee the Process

- **Supervise Loading:** Be present to oversee the loading of your belongings and ensure they are handled with care.
 - **Double-Check Your Home:** Perform a final walkthrough to ensure nothing is left behind.
 - **Keep Essentials Handy:** Ensure your essentials box and important documents are with you, not packed on the moving truck.
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After the Move

1. Unpack and Settle In

- **Unpack Essentials First:** Start with the essentials box and gradually unpack room by room.
- **Inspect Belongings:** Check for any damaged or missing items and report any issues to Folkstad Moving Service immediately.

2. Take Care of Final Details

- **Register Your Vehicle:** Update your driver's license and vehicle registration if moving to a new state.
- **Set Up Home Services:** Arrange for any additional services like internet, cable, or security systems.

3. Explore Your New Area

- **Get to Know the Neighborhood:** Take some time to explore your new surroundings, meet neighbors, and discover local amenities.