

A Master List To Make You A Moving Ninja

 2 Months Before □ Take photos of your old apartment before you start packing □ Create a budget so moving expenses don't creep up on you □ Take inventory and decide what size truck you'll need □ Start gathering and comparing quotes from moving companies □ Create a file for all move related documents and items □ Channel your inner Top Chef & start using up pantry & freezer items □ Start sorting everything by what you will keep, donate and discard □ Start collecting any shipping boxes and newspapers that are delivered
1 Month Before
Give 30 days notice to your current landlord Schedule a change of address with the United States Postal Service Book a moving truck & reserve the loading dock or a parking space Pick up lots of packing tape, some markers and bubble wrap Designate a corner or a room to start stacking packed boxes See if you can access your new apartment to take measurements Schedule cancellation/transfer of services and utilities As you pack, keep a numbered list of every box and each item inside them Pack up decorative items & special occasion kitchen/dining items Order a new set of checks with your updated address Book a pet sitter and/or baby sitter for moving day
2 Weeks Before
Request a day or two off from work for the move Take down artwork and shelving and patch up any holes in the walls Use photos or a floorplan to decide where furniture will go in your new apartment Have a going away gathering or just take time to visit with friends and neighbors If you're traveling far for your move, take your car for a tune up





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Pack a first night box and set it aside with your valuables Confirm with all parties that will be involved in moving day Check your funds to make sure all expenses will be covered Dust and wipe down all furniture and large items you are bringing Back up all of your computer files and photos
Moving Week Take out some cash to tip your friends or movers for their hard work Empty your fridge and freezer and give them a good cleaning Do a full deep clean of your current apartment Gather any extra keys you'll need to return to your current landlord Wash sheets, towels, clothes and pajamas you'll need for the first day and night Pick up bottled water and snacks to offer your movers/friends Find a few delivery places near your new apartment for the first night Make a grocery list to stock up your new pantry and fridge
Moving Day
 Eat a healthy and hearty breakfast to fuel you up for the day Do one last sweep with the vacuum and duster Do a final walk-through with your current landlord Call to confirm your arrival time with your new landlord Pick a room or corner to store non-priority boxes in your new place

