

MOVING TO ARIZONA CHECKLIST

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6-8 Weeks Before The Move

- Contact local moving companies for a [moving quote](#). This is probably your most important step as you decide which company you'll trust with your valued personal belongings. Research your options and call ahead to ensure the movers can complete the move within your time frame.
- Create a moving binder to help you keep track of which tasks are finished, which are not and which need more time or information.
- Purge and clean your home of items that won't be making the move with you. Work to be objective about which items truly bring value to your life as you consider what to keep and what to purge.
- Sell items you don't want to bring with you by hosting a garage sale or posting online. It's important that any items that didn't sell go straight to a local thrift store and not back into the home.
- Request change of address forms from the post office. It is a good time to notify charge accounts, insurance companies, medical offices, and banks of your future move as well.
- Research local banks, doctor's offices and dental offices in your new city so you can start making a plan for transitioning those services.
- Contact the children's school to request records be sent to the new school district, and contact the new school district to ensure they are aware of your transition as well

One Month Before The Move

- Purchase or find moving supplies including boxes, tape, bubble wrap and permanent markers or labels. Be mindful of additional [moving supplies](#) you may need like wardrobe or specialty boxes or dollies and pads.
- Contact your moving company to confirm arrangements including dates, schedules and cost. Get the details in writing from the moving company.
- Begin packing the items you use less frequently like kitchen gadgets and appliances, clothing, bathroom products, etc. Label each box with details about the items and which room it will go to; this helps to keep an inventory of your belongings.
- An essentials box for each room is helpful. Keep all everyday items from that room in the essentials box and seal last minute. Valuables should be kept separately and personally delivered by you for safety purposes.
- Start using up food from the refrigerator, freezer and pantry. Commit to making smaller shopping trips and buying only what you absolutely need. These steps will help minimize items to clean and to move.
- Notify your friends, family members, professional organizations, and acquaintances of the upcoming move. You can do this via a mass email with the official move date and your new contact information, or by sending out moving announcements.

1-2 Days Before The Move

- Take a final assessment of all unpacked items.
Double check all closets and cupboards, garage and storage areas to make sure you haven't forgotten anything.

- Make a final call to the moving company and confirm that the dates, times and numbers align with your written documents from the moving company. Plan for payment and gratuity. Gratuity is typically 10 to 15% as an industry standard. Consider offering movers refreshments and light snacks, especially movers working in Arizona or in other hot climates.

- Defrost the freezer and clear and clean remaining refrigerated items.
Get ready to enjoy your new adventure and home!

