# MOVING COUNTDOWN

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| **30** ☐ **MOVING SUPPLIES** Stock up on moving-grade boxes, heavy-duty packing tape, labels, bubble wrap and permanent markers for your move. | **29** ☐ **SORT THROUGH YOUR BOOKSHELVES** Are there any used books you don't plan to read again? Donate them to your local library or school. | **28** ☐ **CLEAN OUT CLOSET** Go through your closets and start weeding out any clothes you or your kids haven't worn in the past year. Give yourself two days to get this done. | **27** ☐ **DONATE OLD CLOTHES** Finish your closet purging today and donate the clothing you are discarding to friends and family or to charity. | **26** ☐ **SHRED UNNEEDED PAPERWORK** Go through paperwork and files and shred any records that you don't need to retain. | **25** ☐ **HOME INVENTORY** Start packing. As you pack, create an inventory of your possessions, which can help in the event of loss or damage during the move. | **24** ☐ **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL** Label everything you pack, including the boxes to identify their contents, and their room to help with the unpacking process. |
| **23** ☐ **UPDATE ADDRESS** Arrange to change your address with the post office online. Update your address with newspapers, magazines, banks, credit card companies and your car insurer. | **22** ☐ **PACK SEASONAL ITEMS** Start packing items you won't need between now and your move, including off-season clothing. | **21** ☐ **PACK HEAVIER ITEMS** Pack all books and other items that are heavy but not fragile. Practice safe lifting techniques as you pack, whether you are moving yourself or hiring professionals. | **20** ☐ **DONATE WHAT YOU DON'T NEED** Arrange to have a charitable organization pick up any furniture or other items that you wish to donate. | **19** ☐ **TIME TO DIGITIZE?** Consider digitizing your CDs, DVDs and other space-hogging files. | **18** ☐ **PACK UNUSED ROOMS** Start packing up items in your basement, guest room or other spaces that you don't use often. | **17** ☐ **RECYCLE JUNK MAIL** Recycle any magazines, catalogs and junk mail that you don't want to save. |
| **16** ☐ **PACK STORAGE SPACES** Tackle your junk drawers, purging what you no longer need and packing the rest. | **15** ☐ **TACKLE THE GARAGE** If you have a garage, organize it. Now's the time to dispose of any garbage and items you'll want to recycle. | **14** ☐ **DISPOSE OF ELECTRONIC WASTE** Check out e-waste recycling programs or charities to safely dispose of or donate old computers or mobile devices you no longer want. | **13** ☐ **PACK UP PANTRY** Go through your pantry and pack up or donate to a food pantry unexpired non-perishables that you won't eat before you move. | **12** ☐ **GRAB A DOLLY** If you're moving yourself, consider renting a dolly or hand truck to make it easier and safer to move large and heavy items. | **11** ☐ **KEEP FURNITURE HARDWARE IN ORDER** When dissembling furniture, tape screws & other hardware to their larger pieces. Label to make reassembling easier. | **10** ☐ **DONATE TOYS** If you have children, help them pare down toys & other items that they've outgrown or no longer use. Donate items in good condition & dispose of the rest. |
| **09** ☐ **PUT KITCHEN IN ORDER** Give your kitchen an earnest look. Consider giving away any kitchen gadgets that you rarely use. | **08** ☐ **INFORM UTILITY COMPANIES** Contact the electric company, cable provider & other utilities of your current town & the town you're moving to, and your move date. | **07** ☐ **PACK SIMILAR ITEMS** As you continue packing, pack similar items together in boxes to make it easier and more efficient to unpack. | **06** ☐ **GET TOILETRIES TOGETHER** Set aside the clothing and toiletries that you will need between now and your move; pack the rest. | **05** ☐ **PREPARE 1st NIGHT BOX** Pack a box that has all the supplies you'll need for your first night in your new place. Include medication, clothes, toiletries, toilet paper, chargers & other things you'll need right away. | **04** ☐ **FINISH PACKING BEFORE GUESTS COME** If you have family or friends coming to help you move, try to make sure you're finished packing before they arrive. | **03** ☐ **NUMBER EACH BOX YOU PACK** Make a detailed list of the contents of each to ensure you didn't forget any boxes or items. |
| **02** ☐ **PACK FRAGILE ITEMS** Carefully pack fragile items, including fine china, crystal & antiques, & arrange to move them separately from the moving van or truck. | **01** ☐ **MOVING DAY!** | | | | | |

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