



## Reliant Moving Checklist

The best way to prepare for your move day is to start weeks ahead of time. Read the following in-depth to-do list to make sure you are on the right path to preparing for your new home.

### 90 Days Before Moving Day

- **Figure out which approach that will be best for your move.**  
Consider your funds, resources and the distance you will be moving to figure out which moving option is best for you. Popular moving options include hiring a professional moving company, renting a moving truck, or doing the move on your own with the help of your friends and family.
- **Conduct research on your moving company and make sure to compare multiple moving companies in your area.**  
You can find customer satisfaction reviews online to see the level of quality service each company delivers. There are many [tips for finding a reliable moving company](#).
- **Choose a moving company.**  
Now that you've conducted your research, now is the time to hire a reliable moving company.
- **Confirm your moving company arrangements.**  
Get confirmation of the moving dates, a breakdown of the costs, which services are included in your arrangement, along with other important information.<sup>1</sup>
- **Begin packing.**  
Four weeks prior to the move is a good time to begin the purge. Go through your house and categorize your belongings into groups, such as Keep, Donate and Trash.<sup>2</sup> Another tip is to number and label each box, and keep an inventory of your items.
- **Get an estimate of your electricity usage with the [Reliant Bill Estimator](#).**  
Take these easy steps to get an estimate of your monthly electricity usage and costs in your new home.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/moving/moving-checklist>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.atlasvanlines.com/moving-checklist/pdf/MovingChecklist.pdf>



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- **Learn about [smart energy products and solutions](#) for your home.**  
Browse our selection of various smart energy products and solutions designed to help you save energy and money.
- **Get [tips on how to save energy](#) in your new home.**  
Take a look at our energy efficiency tips and tools for great ways to lower your home electricity bill.
- **Sign up for electricity service up to 60 days in advance with [Flexible Move-In](#).**  
Flexible Move-In is a Reliant service that gives you the flexibility to get your electricity set-up when it is convenient for you.
- **Read our handy [packing tips](#).**  
Find out easy ways to make packing less of a hassle.

### **30 Days Before Moving Day**

- **Make travel arrangements.**  
Determine what arrangements need to be made. If you will be staying at hotels or flying, book airline flights and hotel rooms for you and your family.
- **Notify friends and important parties of the move.**  
Inform friends and family, banks, insurance agent/insurance company, utility company, credit card companies, and all subscription services that you will be moving to a new address.<sup>3</sup>
- **Transfer medical, dental, personal insurance and school records.**  
Make sure that everything is ready before you move to your new residential area.
- **Contact your bank.**  
Your bank can transfer your bank accounts, order new checks with your new address on it, and clean out your safety deposit box.
- **Complete change of address forms.**  
You can complete change of address forms at your local post office or [online through USPS](#).

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid.



## 21 Days Before Moving Day

- **Clean out gym and school lockers.**  
Avoid leaving belongings behind by accident.
- **Prep your rugs and draperies for the move.**  
Have rugs and draperies cleaned, and wrap them up.
- **Have a garage sale, yard sale or donate unused items to a local charity organization.**  
Sell the items you categorized as no longer needing or donate them to charities. There are countless [charity organizations](#) that accept gently-worn or unused clothes. If you find you are too busy to put time into getting rid of these items, you can even schedule for a [charity clothing pickup](#).
- **Measure the rooms in your new house.**  
Check the dimensions of your new place to see if and how your current furniture will fit into the new space.
- **Update your insurance policies.**  
Contact your insurance companies to update your property insurance, auto insurance and medical insurance.
- **Get your automobile serviced.**  
Have your car ready for the move by getting your automobile checked. You should check your tires, brakes windshield wipers, fluids, belts, etc.

## 14 Days Before Moving Day

- **Select an electricity plan.**  
Review our [FAQs](#) for tips on how to select the right electricity plan for your new residence. Visit [reliant.com/movecenter](http://reliant.com/movecenter) to sign up for electricity service online.
- **Confirm travel arrangements for your family.<sup>4</sup>**  
Get everyone on the same page regarding where your family will be staying during the move. Arrange to you have your car(s) transported if necessary.
- **Arrange for cable TV, phone services, Internet and home security services transfer or disconnection.**  
Speak with your TV, phone service, Internet and home security services providers, and take the necessary steps to return equipment and cancel service.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.upack.com/moving-resources/checklist.asp>



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- **Pack a box of cleaning supplies for the new place.**  
Gather cleaning supplies, a broom and a vacuum cleaner for when it comes time to clean.
- **Set aside all items that need to be cleaned, stored or repaired.**  
Put all the items that need extra care before they can be used again, such as clothing, shoes or watches, in one place.

### 7 Days Before Moving Day

- **Pack a box of essentials to take with you to your new home.<sup>5</sup>**  
Gather important papers and other essentials, and put them in one place for easy access. You may want to put these items in a fire-safe box.
- **Load up the car with travelling necessities.**  
Pack trip essentials such as maps, snacks, emergency road equipment (a flashlight, tools and flares), a first-aid kit, moist wipes, trash bags, spare keys, prescription drugs, cash or travelers checks and cell phone chargers.<sup>6</sup>
- **Mark any items that need special instructions.**  
Indicate items that you do not want packed, as well as boxes you will want access to first. Let them know which items are fragile as well.
- **Eat your remaining goods.**  
Make meals from your frozen foods, can goods and packaged foods in your pantry so that they do not go to waste when you empty the refrigerator and pantry.

### The Day Before Moving Day

- **Call before 2pm and get same-day electricity service with [Flexible Move-in](#).**  
Reliant can set up electricity service for you in no time.
- **Take care of remaining electronics and electronic appliances.**  
Go through the house, and unplug all electronic appliances. Clean and defrost your refrigerator and freezer. Power down and pack up your computer to take with you.
- **Conclude financial matters relating to the sale of lease of your home.**  
Check to make sure everything is in order so that you will be ready to hand over the keys and garage door opener the next day.

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.



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- **Review [helpful tips for traveling with children](#).**  
Travelling with children can be challenging. Take a look at our tips to make the journey more manageable.

### **Moving Day**

- **Leave your phone connected to the charger all day.**  
Have your phone is charged and ready to use.
- **Ask the mover to verify the destination address and your contact information.**  
Ensure that they will be en route to the proper destination and can reach you if needed.
- **Do a quick cleaning of the empty rooms.**  
Run the vacuum and sweep the floors one last time.
- **Perform these last minute checks:**
  - Has the water been turned off?
  - Have the furnace and air conditioner been turned off?
  - Are the light switches turned off?
  - Are windows shut and locked?
  - Are all utilities arranged for disconnection?