Moving Checklist

A simple countdown for Minnesota homebuyers

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Use this checklist once you are under contract or getting close to closing. Every move is different, but most buyers need to handle the same basics: utilities, insurance, mail, packing, address changes, final walkthrough, and closing-day details.

How to use this

Print this checklist and keep it with your purchase documents. Add your closing date, utility start dates, mover details, and any deadlines from your realtor, lender, title company, and insurance advisor.

Timing	Checklist
6-8 weeks before move	☐ Confirm expected closing/move-in date ☐ Decide if you are hiring movers, renting a truck, or doing it yourself ☐ Start decluttering, donating, selling, or tossing items you do not want to move ☐ Create a moving folder for quotes, receipts, utility notes, and closing information
4-6 weeks before move	☐ Request mover or truck rental quotes ☐ Begin packing items you rarely use ☐ Make a list of utilities to start, stop, or transfer ☐ Ask about any HOA move-in rules, elevator reservations, or parking limits
2-4 weeks before move	☐ Schedule internet, gas, electric, water, trash, and other utility changes ☐ Update address with USPS, banks, payroll, insurance, subscriptions, and medical providers ☐ Order packing supplies and label boxes by room ☐ Confirm homeowners insurance effective date with lender and insurance advisor

Final Countdown

Timing	Checklist
1-2 weeks before move	☐ Confirm closing time, location, and ID requirements ☐ Ask title company how certified funds or wire instructions will be handled ☐ Finish most packing except daily-use items ☐ Refill prescriptions and gather important documents in one place ☐ Plan child care, pet care, meals, and transportation for moving day
Week of closing	☐ Review final closing disclosure and cash-to-close details with your lender ☐ Complete final walkthrough with your realtor ☐ Check that agreed repairs or seller items are addressed ☐ Pack an essentials box for the first 24-48 hours ☐ Charge devices and keep chargers accessible
Moving day	☐ Take photos of utility meters if applicable ☐ Keep IDs, closing documents, checks, keys, garage openers, and medications with you ☐ Walk through the old place one final time ☐ Check appliances, windows, doors, lights, and garage at the new home ☐ Celebrate - but save all moving receipts and closing documents

Closing-day reminder

Do not send wire funds based only on an email. Wire fraud is real. Always verify wiring instructions directly with your title company using a trusted phone number.

First Week in Your New Home

The move does not end when the boxes arrive. Use this page to get settled and avoid easy-to-miss details.

Safety and access

- [ ] Change locks or rekey exterior doors
- [ ] Update garage codes and keypad codes
- [ ] Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- [ ] Locate the water shutoff, gas shutoff, electrical panel, and sump pump if applicable

Home setup

- [ ] Set up internet and utilities
- [ ] Unpack essentials first: bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, and kid items
- [ ] Create a place for mail, keys, tools, and important home documents
- [ ] Save appliance manuals and warranty information

Insurance and records

- [ ] Store closing documents in a safe place
- [ ] Review your homeowners insurance declarations page
- [ ] Document valuables and take photos of the home
- [ ] Ask your insurance advisor about auto, umbrella, jewelry, sewer backup, or other coverage needs

MNHBC tip

Your homeownership team should not disappear after closing. Keep your lender, realtor, insurance advisor, and trusted contractors saved in your contacts.

Move-In Information Sheet

Fill this out before closing week so the important details are not buried in texts, emails, or folders.

Item	Details
Closing date/time	
Title company/contact	
Final walkthrough	
Mover/truck reservation	
Electric start/stop	
Gas start/stop	
Water/trash start/stop	
Internet install	
Insurance effective date	
Emergency contacts	

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