

HOW TO PREPARE FOR MOVERS

Ready for Moving Day: Your Week-by-Week Checklist

Check off a few things each week, and your crew walks into a ready home.

You've got this. Work backward from moving day in five stages, and none of it has to land in the last three days.



Your job: decide, sort, label, and set aside what travels with you.

The crew's job: the lifting, wrapping, and loading.

4-6 WEEKS OUT

Make the big decisions

- ☐ Look up your mover's [Colorado PUC permit](#). Moving out of state? Read the FMCSA booklet [Your Rights and Responsibilities When You Move](#).
- ☐ Walk every room and sort: keep, sell, donate, toss.
- ☐ Schedule your in-home or virtual walkthrough after you sort.
- ☐ Save your move coordinator's name and number when they call (typically within 24 hours of booking).
- ☐ Tell your coordinator about specialty items: piano, safe, gym equipment, heirlooms.
- ☐ Ask which items the crew won't move, including plants, pets, perishables, and hazardous materials.

2-3 WEEKS OUT

Start packing and lock in access

- ☐ Pack your least-used rooms and items first.
- ☐ Label every box on the top and one side: room plus a few words about what's inside.
- ☐ Ask your building or HOA about elevator, loading dock, parking, and move-hour rules. Get it in writing.
- ☐ Reserve elevator, dock, or parking time yourself (or with your building), then share the details with your coordinator.
- ☐ Moving in winter? Plan for snow and ice on walkways and driveways.
- ☐ Arrange care for pets and kids on moving day.

THE WEEK OF

Finish, confirm, set aside

- ☐ Take your coordinator's check-in call (often about three days before your first service day). Confirm your arrival window, building reservation, and any changes.
- ☐ Finish packing everything except daily must-haves.
- ☐ Set up a "do not pack" zone (closet or bathroom) with a sign on the door.
- ☐ Put in it: medications, important papers, laptops and chargers, jewelry, cash, and anything you can't replace.
- ☐ Back up your computers.
- ☐ Photograph electronics wiring before you unplug.

PACKING DAY

If we're packing for you

Skip this block if you're packing yourself. If Bailey's Moving is packing, your coordinator will confirm timing, materials, and labeling.

- ☐ Pull out "do not pack" items, giveaways, and trash before the packers arrive.
- ☐ Group and mark anything headed somewhere else, like storage.
- ☐ Point out fragile, valuable, and sentimental pieces to the crew lead.
- ☐ Stay home and reachable for questions.

NOTES

THE DAY BEFORE

Get to "grab and go"

- ☐ Empty, defrost, and clean the fridge and freezer if they're coming with you.
- ☐ Take apart only what you're comfortable with; ask your coordinator what the crew will handle (beds, larger tables, and similar pieces are common).
- ☐ Bag the screws and bolts, label the bag, and tape it to the piece.
- ☐ Dressers: soft clothes can stay in the drawers if they aren't overstuffed. Tape the drawers shut.
- ☐ Take anything heavy, breakable, or valuable out of the drawers.
- ☐ Pack a first-night box for each person and keep it with you, not on the truck.

ROOMS & BOX LABELS

Match your labels to the rooms in your new home.

Room	Label or color	# of boxes
Kitchen		
Living room		
Primary bedroom		
Bedroom 2		
Bathroom		
Office		

MOVING DAY

Your crew arrives

The morning of

- ☐ Keep your phone on for the driver's heads-up call (usually 30 to 45 minutes ahead; most local moves aim for an 8–10 a.m. start).
- ☐ Strip the beds and take out the last trash.
- ☐ Load your “do not pack” items and first-night boxes into your car.
- ☐ Clear a path from each room to the door and out to the truck: rugs, shoes, toys.
- ☐ Shovel the walkway if it snowed.
- ☐ Have keys, fobs, the elevator, and parking ready.

While the crew works

- ☐ Walk the crew lead through: what's staying, what's fragile, what needs special care.
- ☐ Keep kids and pets out of the way.
- ☐ Stay home and reachable for questions.

Before the crew leaves

- ☐ Do a final walk-through of every room, closet, and cabinet.
- ☐ Make sure your “do not pack” items and first-night boxes are with you, not on the truck.
- ☐ Do a final walkthrough with the crew lead before the truck leaves; review paperwork carefully before you sign.

FIRST-NIGHT BOX

One per person, and it rides with you

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| ☐ Sheets | ☐ Phone chargers |
| ☐ Towel | ☐ Basic tools |
| ☐ Toiletries | ☐ Toilet paper |
| ☐ Change of clothes | ☐ Something for breakfast |

Settled in? The [Bailey's Moving post-move checklist](#) covers what comes next: baileysallied.com/blog/the-baileys-post-move-checklist

KEY DATES & CONTACTS

Move date: _____

Packing day (if any): _____

Crew arrival window: _____

Move coordinator: _____

Coordinator phone: _____

Elevator / parking reservation: _____

New address: _____

Utility	Off (old home)	On (new home)
Electric		
Gas		
Water		
Internet		

Questions before moving day?

Your move coordinator is your first call. Their number is in Key dates & contacts.

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