The Stress Free Moving Checklist

Follow these checklist and use these tips and tricks to ensure your move is less stressful. You can check off each item as you go along.

Make a moving folder or box with all your important documents and papers
Book and schedule movers and trucks at least a month in advance
Plan for parking the moving truck. In certain cities you need permits to park moving trucks
Begin decluttering your home early
Decide what furniture, decor, kitchenware, etc you are keeping and sell or donate that stuff early
Measure your furniture and compare it to your new home.
Begin packing early the things you know you won't need for the next few weeks
Don't forget to label boxes
Take photos of serial numbers of valuable items
Pack valuable items mindfully. You might want to bring some of those things over to your new place on your own
Figure out what to do with pets during the move
Reserve your elevator early if needed
Notify your utility companies
Secure important documents. Keep them all together
Gather medical records and find new doctors if needed
Update voter registration
Update your auto and homeowners insurance

Schedule your address change. (make sure it's with the actual USPS website)
Update cable and internet providers and schedule your cable internet service for move in date
Fill prescriptions and find a new pharmacy
Deep clean your current home and new home or schedule a cleaning company to come the day of move
Clean out the pantry. Don't grocery shop a week to two weeks out. Eat what you have so it will be less food to donate or move over
Take pictures of how televisions, computers, and gaming systems are set up
Keep loose hardware together and label as you take furniture apart
Update subscription services and cancel services you won't need anymore
Think about any deliveries that might still be routed to your current address
Leave a note for new home-owners of any things they might need to know about the home (example water filter model for refrigerator)
Check all nooks and crannies more than once
Check the weather day of move
Pack a separate bag of essentials in case anything happens to move or moving truck
Finalize all moving details
Get out cash to tip movers
Round up all keys to hand off to the Realtor or landlord
Update credit and debit cards with new address as well as any auto subscriptions
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