



Helping newcomers and locals feel at home.

Open This First

YOUR FIRST-NIGHT MOVING CHECKLIST

Make your first evening easier: pack what you need before the rest of the boxes are opened.
Plan for the first 24-48 hours. Label essentials clearly and tell helpers where they belong.

Arrival date: _____ Essentials bag / box location: _____

Who is packing it: _____ New-home keys / access: _____

1 KEEP WITH YOU | Your personal essentials

- ☐ Keys, ID, moving documents, important contacts, wallet, phone, and chargers.
- ☐ Medications and essential care supplies; keep them accessible during travel.
- ☐ A change of clothes, sleepwear, toiletries, towels, and toilet paper.
- ☐ Drinking water, easy snacks, and the things each person needs before bedtime.

2 OPEN AT ARRIVAL | A simple home setup

- ☐ Sheets, pillows, blankets, and an overnight sleeping plan for each person.
- ☐ Soap, trash bags, paper towels, basic cleaning supplies, and a flashlight.
- ☐ An easy meal, breakfast basics, cups, plates, utensils, and any needed pet food.
- ☐ Basic assembly tools and labeled furniture hardware; keep sharp tools secured.

3 ADAPT FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD | Pack the familiar things

- ☐ For children: diapers/toileting supplies, feeding items, spare clothes, and comfort items.
- ☐ For pets: food, bowls, leash/carrier, litter or waste supplies, and familiar bedding.
- ☐ For care needs: essential equipment, supplies, chargers, and accessibility items.
- ☐ Add your own must-haves below; set aside enough for delays as well as the first night.

4 BEFORE THE TRUCK LEAVES | Keep essentials findable

- ☐ Label boxes OPEN FIRST, with their destination rooms; keep personal bags with you.
- ☐ Confirm arrival access and essential services; keep provider and mover contacts handy.
- ☐ Tell helpers which boxes to unload first and where to put them; keep pathways clear.
- ☐ At arrival, find essentials and set up sleeping and bathroom basics before other unpacking.

Our extra must-haves: _____

First meal / overnight plan: _____

Pack essentials separately before loading begins. Keep them reachable, rather than mixed into room boxes.



A little preparation now can turn a tiring arrival into a more comfortable first night.

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