ON THE MOVE
EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO OFFER FOR YOUR NEXT MOVE

MOVING GUIDE

8 Weeks Before The Move

☐ Keep, Sell, Give or Trash
Keep in mind that the expense of moving large items may be greater than purchasing new ones and having them delivered directly to your new home. This is especially true for appliances, mattresses and furniture. Begin to identify which items are worth the trouble to move, which you could potentially sell, which you want to donate, and which you should throw away.

☐ Create a Moving Binder
Inventory everything of value that you plan to move and determine replacement values for insurance purposes. Keep all your moving resources and contacts in one place.

☐ Research Moving Companies
Obtain estimates in writing from several moving companies. Visit www.fmcsa.dot.gov to verify the moving company’s US DOT number.

☐ Get Estimates For Storage Companies & Truck Rentals
Take advantage of the Military Discounts at PODS and Budget Truck Rentals.

☐ Research Your New Hometown
“Take time to find out about local restaurants, go to places for children and churches before you move. It makes the transition easier” Donald, Pensacola

☐ Organize School Records
Notify your children’s schools of the move and contact new schools for enrollment information.

☐ Sign-Up at MyNavyExchange.com/moving
Register for our moving packet and receive discounts and coupons to help with your move.

6 Weeks Before the Move

☐ Order Packing Supplies
Purchase packing materials including plastic tubs, cardboard boxes, tape, markers and bubble wrap.

☐ Plan To Use Things Up
Begin using up consumables in your cabinets such as household cleaners, toiletries, paper goods and pantry items.

☐ Take Measurements
Measure your large furniture pieces so you can begin to create a plan the layout for your new home.

☐ Forward Medical Records
Get copies of your medical records and check with your doctor for recommendations on medical facilities in your new town.

☐ Make Travel Arrangements for Yourselves
“Travel to see military friends and family on your way to your new destination!” Julie, Jacksonville

One Month Before The Move

☐ Begin Packing
Label as you go and separate and clearly identify valuables. Once boxes are labeled and sealed stack them neatly in a corner or in a POD so they are not in your way for the next month.

☐ Begin Cleaning
After a room has been packed, clean the room and repair any damage to the walls.

☐ Change of Address
Complete change of address forms at the post office.
Notify
Send notification of your move and forwarding information to:
- Banks
- Creditors
- Magazine Subscriptions
- Gym, Church, Clubs or other Organizations
- Friends & Relatives

Connect with your Utility Companies
Alert utility companies to disconnect services the day after you move and to have new service activated several days before you arrive at your new home.

Organize Your Pet’s Records

2 Weeks Before Moving Day

Tune-Up
Make sure your vehicles are in good order. Consult with your mechanic about the climate your moving to and confirm that your vehicles are prepared. Apply for a vehicle registration if you’re moving out of state.

Banking
Clean-out your safe-deposit boxes and research banking institutions at your new location.

Confirm Moving Arrangements
Confirm moving details with your moving company and provide them with your itinerary and contact information. Arrange to pick up keys to your new home.

Pantry Clean-Out
Plan your meals around the foods you have on hand to use up what’s stored in your cabinets.

One Week Before Moving Day

Refill Prescriptions

Pack your Suitcase

Arrange for Babysitters or Pet-Sitters

A Few Days Before

Defrost your Freezer

Plan for Payment
Have cash available for the mover (many will require cash, at least for tipping).

Moving Day

Valuables & Important Documents
Keep a your most important and valuable items in a separate box that you move yourself.

Final Walk-Through
Lock windows, turn off lights, close doors, and take a final tour after the movers have finished to make certain nothing is left behind. Take photos of the clean condition of the house as you’re leaving.