

Moving With Kids Checklist

When you are moving with your youngsters, things can be quite difficult. From fears to bad behavior, there are many extra things on your plate when you are taking your family to a new home. That is why our experts have created the Move Easy checklist, so you can get organized and make sure your move avoids rough roads throughout the duration of the trip.

Moving with Kids: Move Easy Checklist	
X	Print a copy of the Move Easy checklist to keep on hand.
	Set aside an area to keep important papers and information about your move. A folder or notebook is the best option, though other choices work well too.
	Inform your kids in a secure and calm area. Allow them to ask any questions they might have and show them pictures of the new home.
Planning Your Move	
	Research moving companies. Hire a company to handle the transport aspect of the move so you can ensure you are available for the kids throughout the transition.
	Make cleaning up and packing the house fun! Get the kids involved and start weeding out things you don't use often enough to justify keeping. Have a garage sale or simply give these things away.
	Build your moving schedule so you can stay on target.
	Take your kids to the doctor and make sure they are up to date on shots. If they need medication, ensure that you get enough to last through the transition to your new home.
	Have fun collecting different moving boxes from stores in your area.
	Make arrangements for someone to watch the kids on moving day. Plan now, before everyone has plans.
	Start packing! Remember to make it fun for the kids and get them involved, even if all they do is label the boxes.
Two Weeks Before Your Move	
	Now is when you set up utilities and services at your new home. Remember to pay those deposits!
	Make sure your kids return library books to the local library or their school.
	Have them return toys or games they might have borrowed from others as well.
	Set up a place for your pets to be when you move, as well as a way for them to get to your new house.
	Create a floor plan and allow your children to build the layout of their new room.
	Put in a change of address with the local post office.
	Place an official change of address with the US Postal Service.

The One Week Countdown	
	Confirm all of your moving reservations with the movers and storage companies.
	Finish packing everything except for the stuff that you will use in the next few days.
	Take some time to clean out appliances before moving day arrives. Be sure to follow child safety precautions to ensure your children don't get hurt by appliances.
	Start taking things apart so the movers don't have to.
	Confirm that your utilities will be turned off, and on, on the days that you have requested.
	Make a copy of your floor plan so the movers know where to put things in the new home.
The Movers Come Tomorrow!	
	Make a path and clear the way for the movers by removing obstructions.
	Place any protection where it needs to go long before the movers will be there. Remember, carpet film and padding for doorframes or banisters take time to set up.
	Pack your first open boxes with things that the kids will need right away as well as things that you can use to eat, bathe, and live for a few days until the rest of your boxes can be opened in the new home.
	Obtain cash for tips.
	Finish packing any daily use items.
	Prepare your children and confirm the reservations you have made for them.
The Day of The Move	
	Get everyone up early and pack all of the bed sheets and blankets in a final box.
	Feed you and your children a healthy breakfast to provide energy for the day.
	Get the kids settled where they will be for the day and then prepare yourself for the move.
	Walk through the house with the movers to show them what you have and to tell them what you need.
	Be close by in case the movers have questions. Never leave them unattended in your home.
	Read and review the paperwork before you sign it.
	Walk through the empty house with your kids to say goodbye and make sure nothing gets left behind.
	Lock it up and turn your keys in to the landlord or the new owner.
	Give your kids a hug! They've made it through a very hectic day.