

Steps to Take When Moving Out of State

There are differences between moving across the city and moving to an entirely new state. Those who are roughly in the same location can continue to use the same services they did in the past. However, moving to a new state has extra challenges that need to be accounted for. This section of the guide will look at some of the things you may need to do when moving a long distance.

Do you have a new job in the place where you are moving? Most people do, but not all are so lucky. Some people end up moving for a spouse's career and need to find one of their own. You can start looking for employment before you leave, but you may end up doing the same once you're moved. So work on your resume, make sure you have letters of recommendation, and get out there.

Another consideration when moving a long distance is finding a new doctor. You likely had one you trusted but can no longer visit because they are too far away. Consider whether you need a primary care doctor, a specialized physician, or both. Research your options and ask people you know for recommendations. It is also important to know where the nearest emergency room is located.

A new school will be needed if you have children. If you haven't found the right school, that should be a priority. Look at all of your options. Visit school websites to learn more about the curriculum, the number of students per teacher, and what extracurriculars are available. Consider distance, as well. Visit potential schools before you make a final decision.

If you haven't registered your car and transferred your driver's license, that needs to be done. Both of these things can be done at the local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office. There are deadlines for registering vehicles, so make sure you are aware of those. In addition, you'll need to have proof of insurance, personal identification, and other documents, so get those together and ready.

Updating your voter registration is another consideration. When your address changes, your voting location often will, too. You can register to vote in person, through the mail, or online. In many states, you need to register around two to four weeks before the election you want to vote in. The US Vote Foundation website will give you more information about the dates for the state you have moved to.

A printable checklist for after the move can be found at the end of this booklet. [Click here](#).

After Move Checklist

- Fill up the refrigerator
- Set up the bedroom
- Change the locks
- Get a security system
- Make sure you have utilities
- Get the Internet connected
- Choose a television company
- Find out the HOA policies
- Plan the housewarming party
- Rate the moving company
- Send out thank you cards
- Finish unpacking
- Make some spare keys
- Have a housewarming party
- Put away the moving binder
- Find new employment
- Choose a family physician
- Select schools for the children
- Register your car and update your driver's license
- Update your voter's registration.