

LET'S MAKE MOVING EASIER



## 8 weeks before moving day

- Make sure your PODS container is scheduled to arrive to allow enough time to load all your belongings. You may want to have it as early as a few days, weeks, or even a month before your move date.
- If you need help with your move, start collecting quotes from packing and loading companies. We're happy to refer you to trusted local labor providers.
- If you plan to ship your car, start getting quotes from car shipping companies. We can also help connect you with reputable car shipping services.
- Create a floor plan of your new home for furniture and appliance placement.
- Inventory your belongings and begin removing clutter. Start with your attic, basement, garage, and other storage areas.
- If necessary, prepare to hold a garage sale three weeks before your move to get rid of any clutter. Arrange for donation services, like the Salvation Army, to pick up the rest.
- Check that you have enough space for the PODS container. You'll need 12' in width, 15' in height, 40' in length. Paved surfaces are preferred.
- Check to see if your homeowners' association, or apartment or condo complex, has any restrictions regarding the placement of portable containers on, or near, your residence.

# PODS' Moving Checklist

**Your easiest move ever starts with this handy checklist. Just follow the timeline below, and you'll be good to go on moving day.**

If you're considering placing your container on the street, check with local authorities to see if it's allowed and if a permit is required. If a permit is needed, the PODS driver will not be able to deliver your container without it. In most cases, your PODS specialist can help determine if street placement is allowed or permits are required in your area.

If your container will be traveling to or through California, submit your state-required invasive species forms at least five days before transit by logging in to your [MyPODS.com](https://www.pods.com) account.

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or visit [PODS.com](https://www.pods.com) for  
more information**

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## 4 weeks before moving day

- Order moving supplies from [PODSBoxes.com](https://PODSBoxes.com). Moving blankets can be rented or purchased from most PODS locations. Your PODS moving specialist can help you with this while scheduling your container for delivery.
- Start organizing and packing your belongings. Make sure to label your moving boxes as you pack to help make unpacking smoother. Visit [PODS.com/loading](https://PODS.com/loading) to watch our video on packing and loading. If you decide you need additional PODS containers for your move, give us a call.
- Check with your insurance company to confirm your belongings are covered during transit. Sign up for PODS' Contents Protection Option before your container is delivered, if needed.
- Schedule the disconnection of utility services at your old home for the day after you move. If you have any "final month" deposits, be sure to request your refund. If possible, schedule the connection of utility services for the day before you arrive at your new home.
- If you're moving within the United States, file a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service and pick up the USPS Mover's Guide at your local post office.
- Make any necessary travel plans for your move.
- Begin using up frozen foods and cleaning supplies that cannot be moved.

## 3 weeks before moving day

- Hold your garage sale or sell items online through websites such as Facebook Marketplace or OfferUp. Donate leftover items to charities.
- Properly dispose of items you can't move or throw out, such as perishable items, chemicals, pesticides, flammable liquids, and batteries. Consult your PODS rental agreement for a full list of items that aren't allowed in a PODS container.
- Update your address or cancel your newspaper and magazine subscriptions.





## 2 weeks before moving day

- Return any borrowed items, such as library books, and retrieve items you've lent to others.
- If you're moving to a new state, research what you'll need to do to update your vehicle registration.
- Contact your insurance provider to ensure proper coverage for your home and vehicle at your new location.
- Transfer all your prescriptions to your new pharmacy, and make sure you have an adequate supply of medications during your move.
- Assemble a file folder of information to leave for the new owner of your home.

## 1 week before moving day

- Notify everyone who will need to contact you at your new address.
- Pack a bag with your checkbook, credit cards, identification, flashlight, keys, and phone charger. If you're moving long distance, pack toiletries, paper plates and cups, towels, a travel alarm clock, bottled water, a first-aid kit, and games for the kids as well.
- Pack a suitcase with clothing and other personal items.
- If you have a laptop or tablet, keep it with you, because you may not get around to unpacking and connecting your TV for a few days.
- Gather your personal and family records, including medical, dental, veterinary, and school records; legal and financial documents; and birth certificates, passports, and insurance documents, to keep with you.
- Confirm your PODS container pickup, delivery date, and the address of your new home by logging in to your [MyPODS.com](https://www.pods.com) account.
- Empty and close your safety deposit box.
- Empty, defrost, and clean your refrigerator and freezer.





## The day before moving day

- Finish loading your PODS container. You will receive an email and text message from PODS informing you of your estimated service window.
- Make sure you have the keys to the lock on your PODS container.
- Get enough cash for your travel expenses.
- Place smaller items you're not loading in your PODS container into your car.
- Keep a few small chairs handy. You may want to take breaks.
- Drain your power equipment of oil and gas.
- Confirm your travel reservations if necessary.
- Vacuum and dispose of any remaining trash.
- Disconnect and prepare your major appliances for moving.
- Set aside any items that will travel separately with you.
- Pack a cooler with drinks and snacks if you're driving to a new city.
- If pets are traveling with you, make sure you have an adequate supply of food, medication, leashes, a travel crate, and a water dish packed in the car.

## Moving day

- Take note of your utility readings. Ensure that your utility services have been connected at your new home.
- Leave a note with your contact information in the house, so the new residents can forward stray mail or items left behind.
- Keep a friend or family member informed of your moving schedule and contact information in case of an emergency or unexpected event.
- Check the attic and every room, cabinet, and closet one last time before deciding everything is loaded.
- While unloading your belongings from your PODS container at your new home, check your stuff carefully, and make a note of any damaged items.



**Congratulate yourself  
– you did it!**