

The 2 Months Out Moving Checklist

- Decide if you are buying or renting
- Decide if you are selling or renting out your current home if you own it.
- Declutter each individual room of the house so it will show better.
- If you are renting, schedule all the maintenance people required in your lease. Usually, that at least includes a maid service and a carpet cleaner. Some places also require a chimney sweep and gutter cleaner.
- Meet with a realtor if you are buying, selling, or [need help finding a rental](#).
 - If you are selling your home, have your realtor walk through the house a month before listing to tell you what improvements you need to make to the house to have it ready to sell. Closing usually takes a month, and with this market you do not want to list the house until you are comfortable closing in around 30 days.
- Hire a property manager if you are planning to rent out your current house.
- Be collecting boxes to pack your stuff in.
- [Organize](#) your things as much as possible.
 - Catch up on all filing.
 - Order photo albums for any loose photos you have. When you don't, your photos may get hot during the move and stick together.
 - Donate and trash as much as you can part with. The less stuff you move, the easier your move will be.

Book movers. (You can do this even if you know your moving date may have to change.)

- Book a hotel for any in between time that you expect to have.
- Search the internet for your kids' activities in the new city, and see if you need to go ahead and sign them up for things.
- Decide which school zones you are comfortable living with to narrow down your house hunt.
- If you are selling your house, find an area or a storage building where you can shove extra furniture and storage bins to help your house show better. In the past, we used our attic. I am still deciding where to put the extra things this time! For now it is mostly in the basement, which is not ideal.



The Moving Toolbox

Create a moving toolbox. I describe that in [this post](#).

- Begin your final home improvement projects or anything your realtor suggests you need to do.

Buy an [Apple tracking tag](#), and save it for the move.

- Put in your moving toolbox for now. When moving day comes, stick the tracking tag in a moving box that the movers are moving. Then you will always know where your household goods are. Sometimes the movers don't want to tell you, and that makes it seriously hard for you to plan when to be there for the delivery.
- The night the packers leave, they will leave you an empty box to pack your bedding in in the morning. That's the box you will put your tracking tag in.

Go to your kids' doctor and get updated copies of all of their immunizations.

- Create a "MOST IMPORTANT PAPERS" folder, binder, or bag, and put the kids' records and your passports and orders (if you're military) in there.
- Let go of the perfect plan. Planning is everything, but the plan is nothing. It cannot go exactly as you will plan it.
- Deep breaths. It will be okay.
- Play [happy music](#), and open the blinds and let the sunshine in. Moving is stressful. Give yourself grace.
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Keep putting one foot in front of the other, and before you know it, it will be over.

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