The Ultimate Checklist For Moving Into Your New Rental

Whether you're new to renting or upgrading to something a little larger, this checklist for moving will help keep you organized.

Before You Move

Before you start your move, it's important to plan ahead. Things like determining your budget, finding the right moving company, choosing a good moving date, and setting up utilities will help make the whole process easier.

Create a Moving Budget

- [ ] List your costs: Think about what you'll spend on moving, like hiring movers, renting a truck, or buying packing supplies.
- [ ] Set aside extra funds: It's smart to keep a little extra money for any unexpected costs.

Research Moving Companies

- [ ] Ask for recommendations: Talk to friends or family about reliable movers.
- [ ] Read reviews online: Look up customer feedback to find the best options for your needs.
- [ ] Get quotes: Reach out to at least three moving companies to compare prices and services.

Pick a Moving Date

- [ ] Choose a date: Find a day that works best for you and avoid busy times like weekends or holidays.

Connect Utilities

- [ ] Set up essential services: Contact utility providers to get everything up and running. Keep in mind, many landlords or property managers will require you to have utilities set up BEFORE you move in.

Gather Packing Supplies

- [ ] Stock up: Buy boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and markers for labeling. Note: Consider eco-friendly options to help the environment.

- [ ] Rental supplies: Check out companies that offer reusable packing items.

Declutter

- [ ] Sort your belongings: Decide what to keep, donate, sell, or throw away to simplify packing.

- [ ] List items online: You can use platforms like Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, or other online platforms like eBay to lighten your load and make a little extra money.

Packing Tips

Packing can feel overwhelming, but with a little preparation, you'll reduce stress on moving day. Get a solid start by organizing your belongings, and be sure to label as you go. Don't forget to set aside an overnight box!

Start Early

- [ ] Pack gradually: Don't leave everything for the last minute. Begin packing non-essentials weeks in advance.

Label Boxes

- [ ] Be clear: Label each box with what's inside and which room it goes to. This will make unpacking easier!

Go Room-by-Room

- [ ] Focus on one area: Pack one room at a time, starting with less-used spaces.

Protect Fragile Items

- [ ] Pack carefully: Use bubble wrap for fragile objects and clearly mark these boxes as "fragile." Note: You may even want to move valuable items on your own.

Prepare a First-Night Box

- [ ] Include essentials: Pack a box with things you'll need immediately, like toiletries, a change of clothes, and any important documents that should be kept with you (i.e. your lease agreement, passport, birth certificate, etc.).

Moving Day Tips

Keep stress to a minimum by confirming details with your moving company (i.e. where to unload). Staying organized and communicating clearly with your helpers will also ensure that boxes and furniture get to where they need to be. Be sure to inspect your new rental for any damages that may have resulted from the movers.

Confirm Details

- ☐ Double-check: Confirm the moving company's arrival time and review your building's moving rules.

Stay Organized

- ☐ Use an inventory list: Track which boxes go on the truck to ensure you don't lose anything.

Communicate with Helpers

- ☐ Give clear directions: Let anyone helping you know where to place boxes and furniture in the new place.

Take Breaks

- ☐ Pace yourself: Remember to take breaks, drink water, and refuel throughout the day.

Document Any Issues

- ☐ Keep track of maintenance needs: While this won't be an issue if you're opting for a brand-new rental, this may be necessary for older properties. Write down any problems and share them with your landlord.

Settling In

Now that you've officially moved into your new rental, it's time to start getting settled. Unpacking strategically can make a big difference—starting with essential areas like the kitchen and bathroom. Remember to pace yourself; there's no need to unpack everything in one day, so take time to appreciate your progress.

Unpack Strategically

- ☐ Prioritize key areas: Start unpacking essentials like the kitchen and bathroom first.
- ☐ Take your time: Don't rush to unpack everything in one day; celebrate your progress!

Change Your Address

- [ ] Update records: Make a list of places that need your new address, like banks and subscriptions.

Explore Your New Neighborhood

- [ ] Discover local spots: Check out nearby grocery stores, coffee shops, and parks to feel more at home.

- [ ] Meet your neighbors: Getting to know your neighbors as you're out exploring will help you feel more connected.

Personalize Your Space

- [ ] Make it yours: Finally, the fun part. Decorate with items that reflect your style to make your rental feel cozy.

Moving into a new rental can be an exciting change, especially when upgrading to a luxury space. At East Pine, we offer two elegant floorplans to choose from - including the two-bedroom Brownstone and three-bedroom Loft. Pet-friendly and close to desirable amenities, our community in Beaumont also provides easy access to South Edmonton. And, with this checklist for moving, you'll be prepared to enjoy all that East Pine has to offer. Happy moving!