

# EASY MOVING CHECKLIST

Follow this checklist to ensure a smooth, stress-free move, as you transition into your new space.



## 3-6 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

### 1. Find a new place

Renting or Buying – time can differ depending on your need, so make sure you start looking for your new place early.

Contact your current landlord or your rental management agency, in advance, and give them your timeline.

### 2. Estimate the size of your move

Go through every room and decide what you want to take with you, what you leave behind, donate or throw away.

Make an inventory of all items.

Address sentimental items with special care. Write down the items.

### 3. Decision on Moving Approach

Weigh the pros and cons of self-move versus professional movers.

Evaluate the complexity, size and distance of your move and decide accordingly.

# 2 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

## 1. Pick a moving company.

- Research and compile a list of moving companies
- Check online reviews and ask for recommendations.
- Gather quotes and estimates
- Think of questions to ask the movers
- Notify the company of your moving date

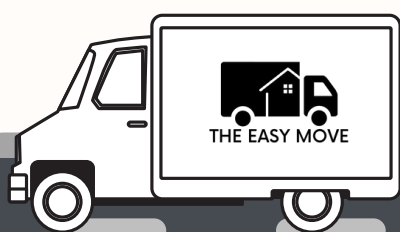
## »»» Pro Tips:

Make sure the company you pick will take care of your special items.  
An in-person inspection or a video is necessary.

The Easy Move provides this service for free. Don't hesitate to contact us so we can evaluate your needs and discuss the possibilities, to ensure a safe, stress-free move, where your items arrive undamaged and intact.

## 2. Prepare a budget for the move

- If you choose a moving company, include this in your budget
- If you plan to move without the help of a moving company, take into consideration costs such as: renting a van, fuel, and supplies.



# 6 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

## 1. Buy supplies

Moving Boxes

Labels

Bubble Wrap, Paper Wrap

Tape

## 2. Notify Relevant Parties

Notify utilities of your move, to schedule a disconnection

If you are moving within The Netherlands, arrange a connection at the new address

Notify banks

Notify other subscriptions

Inform healthcare providers

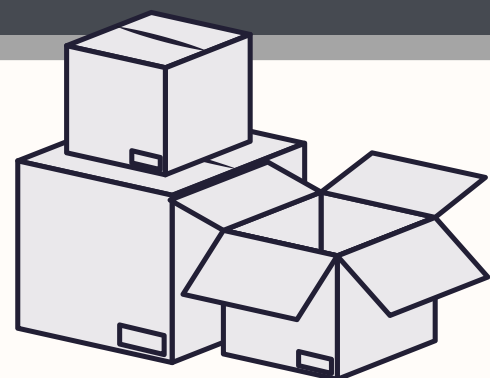
Notify schools of your move

## 3. If moving on your own

Prepare travel budget

Book tickets or accommodation in advance

Service your car



# 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

## 1. Start packing

- Start packing non-essential items, such as books, home decor, and electronics.
- Sell, donate, or discard unwanted belongings

## 2. Visit your new place

- Measure the door size and check if your furniture can get through
- Visit the neighborhood and find the nearest shops, gas stations, bus stations, and parks.
- Assess furniture needs at the new location.
- If you have pets, check every door and window to ensure they latch properly.

## 3. Arrange utilities at the new place

- If moving to or within The Netherlands, you can use a service that connects you to all utility providers, stress-free. One example is [easynuts.nl](https://easynuts.nl)

## 4. Cleaning

- Decide how you will manage cleaning of the old place. Rental agencies may keep the deposit if the place isn't properly cleaned
- Decide how you will manage the cleaning of the new place
- Book a professional cleaning with a specialized company. **ICC** is one example - it provides cleaning after moving and cleaning for the new place. Arrange the dates when they can come for cleaning.  
[theinternationalcleaningcompany.com](https://theinternationalcleaningcompany.com)

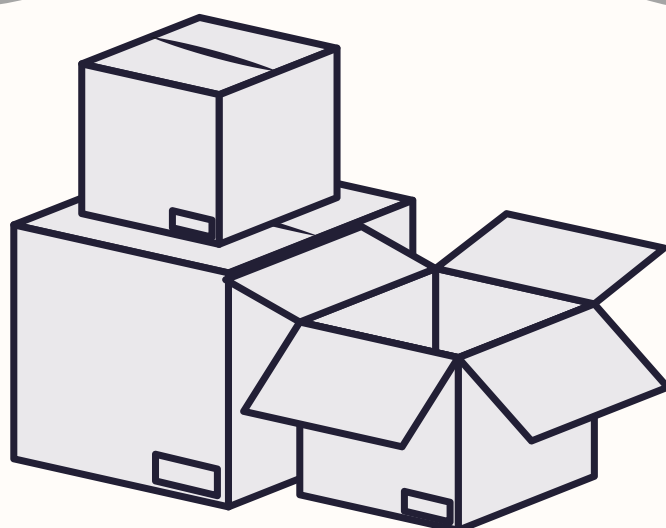
# 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

## 1. Maintenance and Repair

- Complete any necessary repairs or maintenance at the old place
- Check if any necessary repairs need to be done at the new place

## 2. Start packing

- Pack the things that you use infrequently.
- Create a labeling system for efficient unpacking, such as room names or numbers
- Put stickers on the boxes, specifying the desired location where they should be placed
- Put stickers on the items that will be thrown away or donated
- Put stickers on the fragile items



# 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

## 1. Pack essentials

- Start packing clothes and label them accordingly
- Use wrapping paper or bubble wrap for fragile kitchen items and specify their location
- Have rugs and curtains cleaned and wrap them
- Pack important items, such as electronics, jewelry, and documents
- If using a moving company, arrange with the movers how packing should be done

## 2. Prepare for the move

- Get days off from work if you need to
- Confirm again with the moving company and the cleaning company about the dates of the move
- Make sure there is a free parking spot right in front of the old place and the new place for the moving company.
- Inspect the old place with the landlord or property management agent

# THE WEEK BEFORE THE MOVE

## 1. Prepare an overnight essentials kit

- Towels
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Essential kitchen appliances (coffee maker, sandwich maker)
- Toilet paper
- Cups/Plates/Forks
- Bed Sheets/Pillows
- Soap and Dish Soap
- Pet Food
- Scissors
- Phone Chargers
- Snacks/Coffee

## 2. Pack your suitcases

- Clothes for the first few days
- Medicine
- All other essentials

## 3. Before the move

- Make sure to empty, clean, and defrost the freezer at least 24 hours before moving day.
- Announce your neighbors about the move
- Recheck if all boxes are taped shut and labeled
- Record a 10-20 minute video (open all the drawers, cabinets, closets, etc) so you know how things are supposed to be when you unpack in the new place
- Check furniture for dents and scratches

# THE MOVING DAY

- Ensure that everything is prepared and packed before the moving company arrives
- If you are moving on your own, decide which items you want to be loaded last, they will be the first to be unloaded in your new home. Your overnight essentials box should be loaded last.
- The path in front of the place must be clear
- If you have pets, you can leave them in a room where there are no things to move
- Do not use the washing machine or the dryer on the day of the move
- If you're using a moving company, welcome the movers, discuss how the day will go and where you are needed, and let them do their work
- If you move on your own, start loading everything
- Have water bottles available
- Supervise movers and coordinate the moving process.
- Conduct a final walkthrough of the old home to ensure nothing is left behind.
- Don't forget to lock the house and take the keys, before leaving.
- Arrive at the new home to oversee unloading and placement of belongings.



## THE FIRST DAY AFTER THE MOVE

- Verify the status of utility services.
- Inspect your new home
- Address immediate concerns.
- Unpack necessary items for daily living.
- Arrange furniture and install appliances.

## THE FIRST WEEK AFTER THE MOVE

- Register with local healthcare providers.
- Change locks for enhanced security. Even if you think you can trust the previous owners, you never know to whom they gave a copy of the key
- Unpack: Proceed with unpacking everything, starting with essentials. Then go room by room until you finish unpacking the rest of the house.
- Cleaning: Now it's a good time to give the new place a thorough cleaning. You might want to do the same for the previous place. Arranging this with a professional cleaning company should be a breeze.
- Explore the neighborhood
- Check the collection dates for garbage
- Register your pet with the municipality
- Hand over keys to the old place to the landlord

# THE FIRST MONTH AFTER THE MOVE

- Arrange furniture and decorate to make the space feel like a home
- Deal with problems such as repairs or maintenance.
- Connect with neighbors
- Dispose of or recycle packing materials
- Declutter and organize the new space
- Enroll children in local schools
- Discover nearby grocery stores, ATMs, and shops.
- Familiarize yourself with local public transportation.

By following this comprehensive checklist, you've now mitigated the struggles associated with moving, such as stress, anxiety, and potential damage to your precious belongings, to ensure a smoother, more organized transition.

Cheers to your next chapter!



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