



Cube Moving and Storage

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Welcome to Cube Moving and Storage San Diego.

The Ultimate Moving Checklist

WHO WE ARE

Choose San Diego local movers like Cube Moving when it comes to moving around SD County, Cube Moving and Storage stands out as a trusted and experienced company. Founded in 2010 by a family with a strong belief in hard work and dedication, Cube Moving and Storage has more than 13 years of moving experience in the area. Our dynamic team of highly skilled professionals is committed to making a difference in the industry and providing exceptional service to our customers.

Our mission

Is to provide you with the best tools and tips in order to make your moving experience as smooth as possible!

2 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

- Create a Moving Organizer. Whether it's a physical binder or a digital folder on platforms like Google Drive, set up a centralized space to store all your moving-related documents, including to-do lists, receipts, contracts, and other important files.
- Determine Your Moving Budget. Evaluate your finances and establish a budget for your upcoming move. Consider expenses such as hiring professional movers, purchasing packing supplies, and any additional services you may require.
- Obtain Estimates from at Least 3 Moving Companies. Research and reach out to multiple moving companies to gather estimates and compare their services, pricing, and reputation. This will help you make an informed decision and ensure you get the best value for your money.
- Arrange Time Off for Moving Day. Coordinate with your employer or make necessary arrangements to secure time off on your moving day. This will give you the flexibility and peace of mind to focus on the relocation process without work-related obligations.
- Declutter and Dispose of Unwanted Items. Take the opportunity to declutter your home by organizing a garage sale, donating items to charitable organizations, or disposing of unnecessary items responsibly. This will help lighten your load and simplify the moving process.
- Create a Room-By-Room Inventory for Insurance Purposes. Document the contents of each room in your home for insurance purposes. Take photos or videos of valuable items and make a detailed inventory list. This will be helpful in the event of loss, damage, or insurance claims during the move.
- Research Schools and Healthcare Providers. If you have children, research and choose potential schools in your new area. Contact current schools to request transcripts for a smooth transition. Additionally, gather medical records for your family members and start researching healthcare providers in your new location.
- Update Pet Records and Licensing. Ensure your pets' records are up to date, including vaccinations and licenses. If required in your new area, find out the specific licensing regulations for pets and make necessary arrangements accordingly.
- Back Up Computers, Files, and Photos. Prioritize backing up important computer files and personal photos. Create digital copies or use external storage devices to safeguard your valuable data. This will provide peace of mind during the move and protect your memories and important files.
- Organize and Pack Financial and Legal Records. Sort and pack your financial and legal documents securely. Make copies of essential records.

1.5 MONTHS BEFORE MOVING

- Choose Your Moving Company:** Research and select a reputable moving company that suits your needs. Obtain quotes, compare services, and read all contracts thoroughly before signing.
- Confirm Your Moving Company's DOT Number:** Verify that your chosen moving company has a valid Department of Transportation (DOT) number. This ensures their compliance with regulations and professionalism.
- Inform Important Parties About Your Move:** Notify relevant parties, including friends, family, banks, and insurance companies, about your upcoming move and provide them with your new address.
- Request a Change of Address:** Visit the post office or go online to request a change of address form. This ensures your mail is forwarded to your new residence.
- Notify Schools, Doctors, and Service Providers:** Inform your children's schools, healthcare providers, and other service providers about your relocation. Arrange for records transfer or find new providers in your new area.
- Consult Your Insurance Company:** Contact your insurance provider to review your policies and determine if any adjustments are necessary for your new location.
- Notify Utility Companies and Service Providers:** Inform utility companies, television, and internet providers about your move. Schedule disconnections or transfers of services as needed.
- Update Subscription Services:** Contact subscription services, such as magazines or online platforms, and provide them with your new address to ensure uninterrupted delivery.
- Measure Doorways, Stairways, and Elevators:** Take measurements of doorways, stairways, and elevators in both your current and future homes to ensure your furniture will fit through during the move.
- Order Packing Supplies or Collect Boxes:** Order packing supplies or start collecting boxes from friends and local businesses. Ensure you have enough materials to pack your belongings securely.
- Check Moving Requirements with Your Landlord:** If you are renting, check with your landlord regarding any specific moving requirements or procedures. Provide your new address for the return of your security deposit.
- Address Home Repairs:** Prioritize any necessary home repairs before moving to ensure your current residence is in good condition.
- Service Your Vehicles (for Long-Distance Moves):** If you're moving long-distance and plan to drive your vehicles, have them serviced to ensure they are in optimal condition for the journey.
- Label Moving Boxes:** Clearly label your moving boxes, including special labels for fragile items. Use a numbering system to keep track of all boxes and their contents.

1 MONTH BEFORE MOVING

- Reserve Your Moving Date: Confirm and secure your moving date with the chosen moving company. Ensure all details are in place for a smooth transition.
- Make Travel Arrangements: If you're flying or staying in a hotel before your move, book your flights or accommodations in advance to secure the best options.
- Pack Important Documents: Gather and pack essential documents such as birth certificates, passports, medical records, and other important paperwork. Keep these documents easily accessible throughout the move.
- Plan Furniture Placement: Create a layout plan for your new home, considering the placement of furniture. Measure furniture and room dimensions if possible to ensure everything fits well in the new space.
- Fill Prescriptions: Refill any necessary prescriptions and ensure you have an adequate supply to last until you establish new healthcare providers in your new location.
- Transfer Bank and Credit Card Accounts: Notify your bank and credit card companies about your change of address and initiate the process of transferring your accounts to the new location.
- Set Up TV and Internet Services: Contact your preferred TV and internet providers to set up accounts for your new home. Schedule installations and confirm the start date to ensure a seamless transition.
- Confirm Parking Arrangements: If needed, obtain any necessary permits or make arrangements for parking the moving truck on your moving day. Check local regulations to avoid any surprises.
- Purchase Moving Insurance: Protect your belongings during transit by purchasing moving insurance. This provides additional coverage and peace of mind throughout the relocation process.
- Enroll Kids in School: Begin the process of enrolling your children in their new school. Gather necessary documents, fill out required forms, and contact the school to understand their enrollment procedures.
- Create a Moving Day Playlist: Compile a playlist of your favorite songs to keep the atmosphere upbeat and enjoyable on moving day. It can add a touch of positivity and make the process more enjoyable for everyone involved.

2 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

- Confirm Moving Day Plans:** Double-check the moving day plans with your moving company. Reconfirm the date, time, and any specific details regarding the move.
- Begin Packing in Earnest:** Start packing in earnest, focusing on non-essential items first. Create a detailed list of the items packed in each box and keep it in your moving binder for easy reference.
- Return Borrowed Items:** Return library books and anything borrowed from friends. Collect any items you have loaned to others, items in storage, and retrieve anything stored in safety deposit boxes.
- Discontinue Regular Services:** Notify service providers such as newspaper delivery, trash pick-up, and lawn service about the discontinuation of their services effective from your move-out date.
- Schedule Appliance Servicing:** If you are moving with appliances, schedule servicing to ensure they are in proper working condition before the move.
- Plan for Large Items:** Develop a moving plan for large items like swing sets, trampolines, and satellite TV antennas. Determine how they will be disassembled, packed, and transported.
- Prepare a "Moving Day Bag":** Pack a bag with essential items that you will need on the day of the move. Include snacks, clothes, medications, toiletries, and any electronics you may require. Keep this bag with you, separate from items loaded onto the moving truck.
- Confirm Utility End and Start Dates:** Contact utility companies to confirm the end date for services at your current residence and the start date for services at your new home.
- Cancel or Transfer Gym Membership:** If you have a gym membership, cancel or transfer it to a location near your new home. Ensure any necessary actions are taken to avoid unnecessary charges.
- Use Up Perishable Food:** Start using up the food in your pantry and freezer to minimize waste. Avoid buying excessive groceries during this time to reduce the amount of perishable food you need to move.
- Arrange Child and Pet Care:** Make arrangements for child and pet care during the moving process to ensure their safety and well-being.
- Forward Your Mail:** Arrange for mail forwarding with the post office to ensure that your mail reaches your new address.
- Clean and Prepare Outdoor Furniture:** Clean and prepare outdoor furniture for the move. Bring them inside to keep them clean and protected during transportation.
- Update Address for Social Security Benefits:** If you are a Social Security beneficiary, notify the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the IRS about your change of address within 10 days of moving.
- Dispose of Hazardous Items:** Dispose of flammable items, bleach, cleaning fluids, and aerosol cans properly.

THE WEEK OF YOUR MOVE

- Utilize Frozen Foods: Use up all your frozen foods or consider gifting them to family and friends who can make use of them.
- Clean and Defrost the Refrigerator: If you are moving the fridge, defrost and dry it before moving day. Ensure it is clean and ready for transportation.
- Donate Nonperishable Foods: Donate any nonperishable foods that you cannot take with you to a local food bank or charitable organization.
- Prepare Cash for Tipping: Take out cash to tip your moving crew on the day of the move.
- Finish Packing: Complete packing all your belongings except for essential items needed until moving day.
- Confirm Travel Plans: Double-check and confirm your travel plans if you are traveling by plane or staying in a hotel before reaching your new home.
- Say Goodbye to Neighbors: Take the time to say goodbye to your neighbors and exchange contact information if desired.
- Begin Cleaning Empty Rooms: Start cleaning the empty rooms in your current home, ensuring they are tidy and ready for the next occupants.
- Double Check Shelves and Closets: Conduct a thorough check of shelves and closets to ensure you haven't missed any items during the packing process.
- Collect Keys and Garage Door Openers: Gather all keys and garage door openers and provide them to your real estate agent for the new homeowners.
- Check the Weather: Keep an eye on the weather forecast for your moving day and be prepared for any rain or snow by having appropriate gear on hand.
- Take Photos for Insurance: Take photos of your home before leaving for insurance purposes in case of any damage during the moving process.
- Inform Credit Card Company: Notify your credit card company about your upcoming move to avoid any issues with card usage in your new location.
- Pack a Suitcase: Prepare a suitcase with essential items to live out of for the last few days before the move and until you've unpacked the rest of your clothes in your new home.
- Schedule Final Walkthrough: Schedule a final walkthrough of your current home with your real estate agent to ensure everything is in order before handing over the keys.
- Dispose of Debris: Dispose of any debris or unwanted items you are leaving behind according to local regulations.
- Pack Outdoor Items: Pack outdoor items and equipment, ensuring that gasoline is drained from any machinery or equipment as required.
- Prepare a "Worst Case Scenario" Plan: Have a plan in place in case your movers run late, ensuring you have contingency arrangements if needed.
- Pack Essential Supplies: Pack a separate box with supplies you will need immediately upon arrival at your new home. This box should be unloaded first to ensure easy access.

THE MOVING DAY

- Check and Secure Boxes:** Ensure all your boxes are properly closed and labeled before the movers arrive. This will help keep everything organized during transportation.
- Double-Check Your Home:** Take a final walkthrough of your current home to ensure you haven't missed any items or belongings.
- Plan to Be Home:** Arrange to be present at your home when the movers arrive to oversee the process and provide any necessary instructions.
- Verify USDOT Number:** Check the USDOT number on the side of the moving truck and ensure it matches the number on the contract you signed. This step helps protect you from potential moving scams.
- Protect Floors and Carpets:** Take measures to protect your floors and carpets by using floor mats, cardboard, or protective coverings to prevent any damage during the move.
- Sign Movers' Inventory List:** Review and sign the movers' inventory list, ensuring that you receive a copy. This documentation will help ensure that nothing is lost during transportation.
- Secure Your Previous Home:** Before leaving, turn off lights, lock all windows and doors. If you are renting, drop off your keys with your building manager as necessary.
- Prepare a Moving Day Bag:** Keep a bag with essential supplies that will sustain you until the unpacking is complete. Include toiletries, a change of clothes, medications, and any important documents.
- Arrive Early at Your New Home:** Get to your new home early and verify that utilities, such as water, gas, and electricity, are connected and functional.
- Clear Pathways for Movers:** Make sure there is a clear and safe pathway for the movers to navigate through your home, removing any obstacles or potential hazards.
- Tip Your Movers:** Show appreciation to your movers by tipping them for their hard work and dedication. This gesture is a way to acknowledge their efforts.
- Thank Your Real Estate Agent:** Express gratitude to your real estate agent for their assistance throughout the moving process. A simple thank you goes a long way.
- Set Up Your Bed and Unpack Necessities:** Make your bed and prioritize unpacking essential items that you'll need immediately. Once done, take a well-deserved nap to rest and recharge after a successful move.

AFTER YOUR MOVE

- Unpack Within 2 Weeks:** Try to unpack your belongings within two weeks of moving into your new home. Take it at a comfortable pace, but avoid letting boxes sit untouched for too long.
- Set Up Home Security:** Ensure that your home security measures are in place. If possible, consider changing the locks to enhance the safety of your new residence.
- Housewarming Party:** Celebrate your new home by hosting a housewarming party and inviting friends and family to share in your joyous occasion.
- Note Immediate Repairs:** Make a list of any immediate home repairs that need attention. This will help you prioritize tasks and address any potential issues promptly.
- Clean and Inspect Your New Home:** Clean your new home thoroughly and inspect the status of appliances, furnace, pipes, and chimney. Consider having the carpets cleaned for a fresh start.
- Keep Moving Receipts:** Hold onto receipts from your move and carefully review them to ensure there are no discrepancies in the charges. This step helps in resolving any billing concerns.
- Update Important Documents:** If you've moved to a new state or county, update your important documents, such as your driver's license, voter registration, car insurance, title, and registration.
- Order New Checks:** Obtain new checks with your updated address to ensure smooth financial transactions and payments.
- Settle In and Explore:** Take the time to settle into your new home and familiarize yourself with the surrounding community. Discover local amenities, parks, shops, and attractions to feel more at home.
- Leave a Review:** Share your moving experience by leaving a review of your journey with the moving company. Your feedback can assist others in making informed decisions and provide valuable insights.

By following this checklist for the day after your move, you can start to settle into your new home and make it truly yours.