

The Complete Moving Checklist

Your Journey to Knoxville, Tennessee



A thoughtfully assembled guide to every detail of your move. Check things off as you go.

◆ Before You Go ◆

Everything to arrange while you're still in California

PICK YOUR PATH

- ☐ Get quotes for how you'll move your things
** rental truck, moving container, freight trailer, or full service movers**
- ☐ Decide on your moving method and book your date
- ☐ Decide how your car(s) will get to Knoxville: drive it, tow it, or ship it
- ☐ Get quotes for auto transport if you're shipping a vehicle
- ☐ Confirm whether your mover's insurance is Released Value Protection or Full Value Protection, and decide if you want to upgrade coverage

LIGHTEN THE LOAD

- ☐ Start sorting through belongings, donate or sell what you don't want to bring
- ☐ Check what movers won't take + find your county's hazardous waste disposal site
propane, paint, batteries, chemicals, live plants
- ☐ Measure large furniture and doorways, stairwells, and hallways at your new home
- ☐ Order moving supplies
boxes, tape, bubble wrap, wardrobe boxes, and dish barrels
- ☐ Begin packing nonessential items + label boxes by room
out of season clothes, decor, books, board games, and holiday decor
- ☐ Set aside what travels with you, not in the truck
passports, birth certificates, prescriptions, and jewelry

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- ☐ Check whether your health insurance covers you in Tennessee, and look up in-network doctors near your new home, get copies of your health records if you have to switch insurance
- ☐ Transfer prescriptions to a pharmacy near your new address
- ☐ Line up any time sensitive specialists your family sees regularly
pediatrician, OBGYN, allergist, ENT, audiologist, therapist, dentist, vet
- ☐ Start a folder for school, medical, and dental records

HANDLE THE LIFE DETAILS

- ☐ Book short term storage if your moving date and closing date don't quite line up
- ☐ Set up a AAA membership or roadside assistance plan if you're driving yourself
- ☐ If renting, check your lease for the required notice period, and document your unit's condition with photos before you leave
- ☐ If you own firearms, look into California and Tennessee's different transport laws
- ☐ Go through your bank statement and list anything on autopay (gym, subscriptions, meal kits) to cancel or transfer
- ☐ Start a folder for moving related documents (quotes, contracts, receipts)
- ☐ Submit your mail forwarding request (set it to start a few days before move day)
- ☐ Confirm your internet installation date at your new home
- ☐ If it's in the budget, schedule a professional cleaning for your new home before your furniture arrives
- ☐ Build in a 1-2 day buffer between your closing date and your movers' arrival
- ☐ Set aside cash for tipping movers (\$50 to \$100 per mover is typical)
- ☐ Arrange time off work for move day and the days around it

◆ For the Road ◆

The move itself, from pickup to your first night in Knoxville

PACK FOR THE PEOPLE (AND PETS) IN THE CAR

- ☐ Pack an essentials box that travels with you (toiletries, chargers, medications, a change of clothes)
- ☐ Pack a kids' moving day bag (comfort item, snacks, something for their new room on night one), and let them help pack it
- ☐ Get a vet visit and current vaccination records if pets are coming along, and pick pet friendly stops in advance **www.BringFido.com helps locate hotels and more*

MOVING DAY ITSELF

- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of every room, closet, and cabinet
- ☐ Take meter readings if needed, and leave keys or garage remotes as agreed
- ☐ Get a copy of your bill of lading or shipment paperwork before the truck leaves
- ☐ Tip your movers in cash, given directly to each person
- ☐ If renting, do a final walkthrough with your landlord and get their sign off

◆ Once You're Here ◆

Settling into life as a Knoxville resident

THE MOMENT YOU GET YOUR KEYS

- ☐ Test every smoke and carbon monoxide detector
- ☐ Locate the water shutoff valve and the breaker box
- ☐ Change the locks and garage codes

GET CONNECTED

- ☐ Set up electric, water, gas, and wastewater
- ☐ Look up your trash and recycling pickup schedule
- ☐ Confirm your internet and fiber service is active

MAKE IT OFFICIAL (WITHIN 30 DAYS)

- ☐ Get your Tennessee driver's license (bring your out of state license, proof of residency, and social security card)
- ☐ Register your vehicle at your county clerk's office (get Tennessee compliant car insurance in place first)

TIE UP THE LOOSE ENDS

- ☐ Register to vote (no rush, but must be done 30 days prior to voting in an election)
- ☐ Enroll your kids in school
- ☐ Update your address with your bank, employer, insurance provider, and any subscriptions and accounts
- ☐ Meet a neighbor. Seriously, it helps.



You've got this. And if you'd like a second set of hands thinking it through, I'm one call away.

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