

10 Steps To Take Before Moving In

Ensure a Smooth Move by Preparing Ahead

Moving into a new home can be an exciting journey. But if you're not prepared, you could find yourself with no power, unhealthy conditions, furniture that doesn't fit spaces, and potential dangers to your kids and/or pets. The following are ten crucial steps you can take before you settle into your new space, ensuring peace of mind and a smooth transition:

1. Plan Your Space

Before moving day, have a clear idea of where each piece of furniture will go. This will save time and energy when unloading and arranging your belongings.

2. Set Up Utilities

Make sure electricity, gas, water, heating, cooling, and waste management services are arranged and functioning before you move in. This is crucial for a comfortable transition.

3. Update Your Address

Remember to change your address for mail, subscriptions, and billing information to ensure you don't miss important communications or deliveries.

4. Consider Renter's Insurance

Renter's insurance provides essential protection for personal belongings, liability, and additional living expenses in case of theft, fire, or disasters, including specific coverage for pet liability and health. Compare policies for optimal coverage—including potential discounts for bundling with pet insurance.



5. Deep Clean Before Unpacking

Whether you do it yourself or hire professionals, cleaning your new home before moving in will make you feel more at home.

6. Child/Pet Proof Your New Home

If moving with little ones or pets, take immediate steps to secure your new space, ensuring safety for all members of your household.

7. Know Your Emergency Controls

Locate your fuse box and main water valve upon arrival. Familiarizing yourself with these can prevent panic during emergencies.

8. Prioritize Necessary Repairs

Walk through your new home to identify and prioritize any repairs. Planning these early can help you set up a comfortable living space faster.

9. Change the Locks

For your safety and peace of mind, change the locks on your new home as soon as possible. This ensures that only you have access.

10. Get to Know Your Neighbors

Introducing yourself to your neighbors can help you settle into your new community more comfortably. It's also a great way to start building a support network in your new area.

Your journey towards better health doesn't require complicated programs or a lot of money. Small steps pave the way to a fulfilling and healthier life. Consistency is the key. If you can't incorporate all these habits, that's okay. Pick one or two, and focus on doing those every day. Then, when they become habits, add another one. Embrace these habits with an open heart, and watch as they transform your life, one day at a time.

For more information on moving, check out:

<https://www.moving.com/>

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