

MOVING RESOURCE GUIDE

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CHESTNUT PARK'S MOVING CHECKLIST

STAY ON TRACK LEADING UP TO AND DURING YOUR MOVE

8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interview movers and start collecting estimates. Invite them into your home so they can prepare an accurate estimate.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget for moving expenses.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Start a “move file” or “moving notebook” to keep track of all moving related questions, correspondence and moving documents all in one place.
4-6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING	<input type="checkbox"/>	Begin purging your home. Decide which items you will keep, donate and discard. Weigh carefully the cost of replacing heavy or bulky articles against the cost of moving them.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase boxes and moving materials and begin organizing your pack.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancel all insurance policies related to your current property and have your insurance agent make necessary changes to ensure your new home is insured as of the closing date.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify all contacts on the “Remember to Notify” checklist that apply to you.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact all utilities to tell them when to cancel the utilities for the current property and when to activate the utilities for your new property.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange to have school records and veterinarian records transferred.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange for disposal of paints and other hazardous materials—many movers will not move these items. Start using items that can't be moved such as frozen foods, bleach and aerosols.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete a change-of-address form on the Canada Post website so mail is not lost in transition.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remember to clean out the garage as well as other storage sheds on the property.

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3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING	<input type="checkbox"/>	Start packing room by room. Clearly label each box with its contents and the room to which it is destined.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make plans for your family's and pet's transportation and temporary accommodation if required.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speak to your lawyer regarding the closing process, when you will meet for the final signing of paperwork, and what will happen on the day of closing.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speak to your mortgage professional to ensure any necessary bridge financing or mortgage transfer has been coordinated and all details are sorted.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Put copies of pet medical and immunization records in your "move file."
2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep packing.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate a cleaning service to come the day of closing, if not the day before, to ensure you leave the house in a good condition.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate any handymen or electricians required to move electronics, take down mounted televisions and repair any damage caused by the
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pick up drying cleaning and close accounts at any local establishments you may not use again.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Give away plants and perishables that are not being moved.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Properly seal liquids for travel or throw them out.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack an "essentials box" to keep with you during the move that includes absolute necessities for each family member.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	If children are involved, arrange for a play date or childcare for the day of closing so they are occupied and out of the way.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify friends and family of your new address and phone number.

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DAYS BEFORE MOVING	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drain gas and oil from lawn equipment, gas grills, heaters, etc.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drain hoses and waterbeds
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Empty and defrost refrigerator at least 24 hours before the move.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack a "first minute box" of items you will need to access immediately upon arrival at your new home like cleaning supplies, a tool kit, bathroom and kitchen supplies, and a playpen. Make sure these items travel with
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Take down curtains, drapery and artwork that are excluded from the sale and ensure any holes are repaired.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm the date and time of the movers' arrival.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm with your lawyer or real estate agent how you will get the keys to your new property once it has closed.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan for meals on the day of closing.
THE DAY BEFORE MOVING	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wash and pack remaining dishes, and pack all other remaining items.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure you have your "moving file" ready and check off any last-minute to-dos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a list of remaining items you need to pack at the last minute so nothing is forgotten.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	If possible, coordinate a visit to your new home with your real estate agent to check that everything is as it should be.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Place carpet, floor and door protectors throughout your new home.

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MOVING DAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate delivery/pick-up of children and pets.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure sidewalks are clear of ice and debris.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	When you meet the movers at your home, make sure to point out breakable, heavy or awkward items.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tell the movers the order in which you'd like your items loaded. Higher priority items should be loaded last so they are unloaded first.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go over the moving paperwork to ensure the destination address is correct, and all items to be moved are noted and correctly valued.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remember to keep your "first minute box" separate from all other items being moved.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check every room and closet one last time to make sure nothing is left behind.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave any garage remotes, extra keys not provided to your lawyer, utility manuals and other relevant materials for the new home owner.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave a note with your new address so that future residents can forward stray mail.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Once closing is confirmed, retrieve keys from your lawyer or ask your real estate agent to deliver them to you.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Go to your new home to check that everything is working and all inclusions are there, and clean up any debris.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report any missing items or broken appliances to your lawyer immediately.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack last-minute food and clothes to take with you.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	When you arrive at your new home, check the condition of your furniture and personal items and notify your mover of any damage before they leave.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unpack your "first minute box."
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up beds and settle in for the night.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enjoy your new home.

REMEMBER TO NOTIFY

Utilities and expenses

<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydro/electricity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gas/oil
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home phone/cell phone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cable/internet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alarm system monitoring

Businesses and government

<input type="checkbox"/>	Banks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit cards
<input type="checkbox"/>	CPP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driver's licence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dry-cleaner

Personal contacts

<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	Employer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	Business associates

Professional services

<input type="checkbox"/>	Accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Church
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lawyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscapers/snow removal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doctor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog-walker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dentist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterinarian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial planner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Income tax consultant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health & sports clubs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nanny/childcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper & magazine subscriptions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialty healthcare providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly memberships (Netflix, etc.)