

## CHAPTER 1

# How to Use This Guide

What if we told you that you don't have to live through dozens of moves to be more efficient and streamline the process? It's true. This guide is meant to give you all the practical information you need to make your move to a new home more straightforward than you could imagine.

As you know, this guide will give you the information you need, but you'll also get checklists for every step of the process. For example, we'll ensure you know what to do before moving day, what takes precedence on the day of your move, and what to prioritize once your boxes are inside the new home.

- **Do you know when the best time is to search for movers?**
- **What about how many boxes you should acquire to pack?**
- **Are you aware of how a moving binder can help through the entire process?**

After reading this guide, you'll know you should search for movers about two months out and why that's the best time.

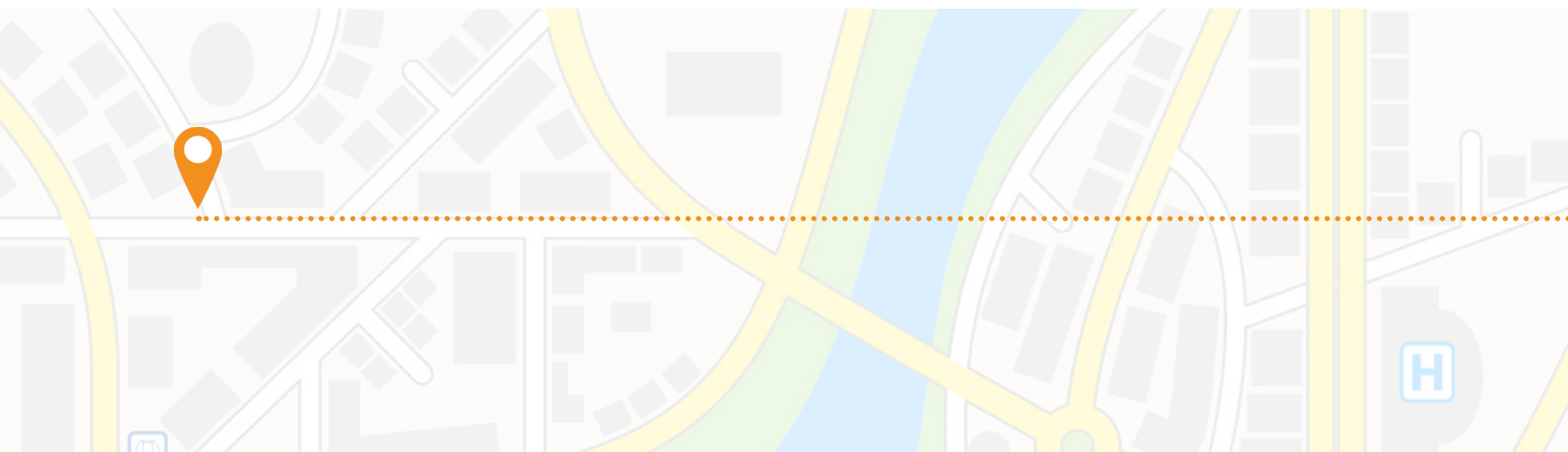
You can read through this entire guide in one sitting or you can pick it up when you have a question. This chapter will walk you through how to use the guide to find information about the things that matter to you.



## About Us

There's no reason to read a book about moving if you don't trust the people who wrote it. So if you skipped over the introduction, now is a great time to go back and learn more about who we are and why we're the right choice for teaching you more about the moving process.

Even if you already know who we are and what we offer, you might learn something new. So check out the pages before this chapter to get some further information that might be helpful for you.



# Before the Move

## Information

No matter what kind of move you have planned for the future, this guide will walk you through the first steps.

The largest focus of this chapter is what needs to be done before the move, whether that applies to packing, donating items you no longer use, or buying moving products that will create a more efficient moving process.

The main topics you will find in **chapter two** include:

- **What items you need for a streamlined move**
- **What steps you should take before moving day comes**
- **How to keep all your moving documents secure**
- **Ways to create a home inventory of your belongings**
- **Weekly checklists to use until moving day**



# During the Move

## Information

**Chapter three** is designed to meet your needs when you wake up and see moving trucks in the driveway. This chapter focuses on getting you through moving day.

We'll share the little tips to make the day easier, from having some water bottles nearby to stay hydrated to knowing how much you're expected to tip the movers when the job is done.

In chapter three, you'll learn more about:

- **What you should pack and keep with you in an essentials box**
- **What steps to take throughout the day to make things run smoothly**
- **The appropriate paperwork to sign on moving day**
- **Why staying in touch with the movers is important**
- **Last-minute tasks to handle in the old home**
- **Items that should be on your checklist and finished by the time you sleep**





## Right After Move

### Information

After the move is over, you're likely to feel relieved and ready to move forward. We'll share things you need to do but might forget and give you tips for making the house into a home that everyone in the family can enjoy. In **chapter four**, expect to read information about:

- **Which steps are most important to follow after moving**
- **What you should do if you have moved into a new state**
- **Why you should prioritize changing the locks**
- **What to unpack first to be comfortable the first night**
- **How to get all your utilities turned on**
- **Action steps to add to a checklist when the move is complete**



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## Taking Care of Your Home

After the moving process is no more than a memory, you have to make sure your home looks great and stays comfortable. It should be a space that you are proud of, both for yourself and those who visit your home.

**Chapter five** focuses on all those little details of keeping your home in perfect shape. This chapter gives insight into:

- **A standard home maintenance checklist to remind you of when to do things**
- **Information about essential home care to keep up with**
- **The difference between a home warranty and homeowner's insurance**
- **How to keep your HVAC system in perfect working order**
- **What goes into handling your home maintenance needs**

▼ That's not all. So head on into chapter two if you are ready to learn  
▼ more about preparing for an exciting move!  
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