

Merrill Self Storage Moving Guide

30 Days Before Moving Day

- Contact Utility Companies at both your new home & Current Home to set up/transfer/cancel service.
- Create a moving Folder to keep all moving related receipts in! You'll thank yourself later!
- Designate an area in your home that's out of the way as a holding area for packed items.
- Begin packing nonessential items
- Consult with an insurance agent to determine how your property is insured while it's in transit.
- Make your reservation with the moving company or the moving truck company/UHaul.
- Decide what furniture will work in the new house; for everything else you do not want to keep, list on craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, or Donate.
- Arrange for a storage facility for any items that may not fit in the new home.
- Purge your belongings! Never move more stuff than necessary!
- Request time-off from work for moving day!
- Buy boxes and Packing Material. *Hint: The craigslist free section has a good source of moving materials!
- Lastly, make some important last memories in your old home; invite friends and family over for a fun night!

2-3 Weeks Before Moving Day

- Continue packing, but start moving towards necessities as you get closer to moving day.
- Change your address at all your financial institutions, credit card providers, insurance agents, etc.
- Go to USPS to choose a date to begin forwarding your mail.
- Cancel or Transfer your subscriptions: newspapers and magazines.
- Make arrangements to have school, medical, dental, and veterinarian records transferred.
- Send out a mass email/text message to all your contacts with your new address.
- Update your voter registration!
- Update your Driver's License!
- Back up your computer just in case anything happens during the moving process.

- Take Pictures of all electronics before unplugging them. This will help when you install them at your new home.
- Always label all your boxes with what's in them, which end is up, and if its fragile!
- STOP grocery stopping!
- Make sure all your pets have ID tags on their collars.
- Pack, pack, pack! *Hint: Pack a little every day so you don't end up trying to pack everything all at once!

1 Week Before Moving Day

- Confirm reservations with moving company, moving truck company, and movers!
- Disconnect, defrost, & prepare any appliances that will be moved.
- Drain law equipment & power tools of oil and gas.
- Drain garden hoses.
- Dispose of corrosives, flammables, and poisonous items. Make sure you are disposing of these items properly!
- Remove lightbulbs from all lamps.
- If you have plants, stop watering them now so they won't be heavy or dripping during the move.
- Pack a suitcase with clothing, toiletries, medications, first aid kit, sheets for the bed, a few plates, cups and silverware, phone charger, etc., for the first night in your new home!
- Hire professional cleaners or schedule a time to thoroughly clean the old home.
- Also schedule a time to clean the new home before move in!

Moving Day

- Rise and Shine! Early morning wake up on moving day! Set your alarm!
- Make sure you are present, if you have hired moving help, to answer any questions.
- Protect your carpets and floors!
- Take pictures of empty home for proof of move in ready.
- Put your new home's key on your key ring and make copies!
- Have cash on you to tip your movers, they've worked hard for you!
- Put your sheets on your bed at new home, napping will be the first thing you want to do after moving!
- If you have the energy, go grocery shopping. It will help with unnecessary spending!

HAPPY MOVING!