



FALL MOVING CHECKLIST

For Boston Renters — Straight From Our Crew

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Your Fall Moving Timeline at a Glance

Start six to eight weeks out and work through each phase — that's what separates a calm fall move from a chaotic one.

- 1 6–8 Weeks Out**
Book your movers, start decluttering, research your new area.
- 2 4 Weeks Out**
Begin packing non-essentials, order supplies, confirm building rules.
- 3 2 Weeks Out**
Apply for parking permits, use up food, confirm your final quote.
- 4 1 Week Out**
Finish packing, pack an essentials bag, confirm details with your crew.
- 5 Moving Day**
Final walkthrough, protect floors, last check before the truck pulls away.
- 6 First Week After**
Update your address, register utilities, unpack room by room.

6-8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- ☐ Book your moving company — fall dates fill up fast right after Labor Day.
- ☐ Walk through every room and decide what's coming with you.
- ☐ Research your new neighborhood: parking rules, trash days, building access.
- ☐ Start using up frozen and perishable food.
- ☐ If changing school districts, start that paperwork now.

FROM OUR CREW

The biggest scheduling mistake we see is waiting until three weeks out to book a fall move. Late September and October fill up faster than people expect — call early for your pick of times.

4 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- ☐ Order boxes, tape, and wrap — or confirm materials with your movers.
- ☐ Start packing items you won't need in the next month.
- ☐ Confirm your new building's move-in rules (elevator, COI, windows).
- ☐ Notify your landlord of your move-out date in writing.
- ☐ Start a "keep vs. donate vs. toss" pile as you pack.

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Label boxes by room, not by category. "Kitchen" gets a box to the kitchen faster than "Glassware" does — and lets our team place boxes correctly without asking you.



2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING DAY

- ☐ Apply for a street occupancy / moving truck permit if needed — allow 1–2 weeks.
- ☐ Confirm your final quote and moving day details with your movers.
- ☐ Start eating down your pantry and finish cleaning supplies.
- ☐ Arrange for pets or kids to be elsewhere on moving day.
- ☐ Set aside documents, medications, and valuables to move yourself.

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Parking is the single biggest variable in how smooth a Boston move day goes. If your street doesn't have obvious truck space, get the permit — it's cheaper than the extra labor time.

1 WEEK BEFORE MOVING DAY

- ☐ Finish packing everything except your final 24 hours' worth.
- ☐ Pack a labeled essentials bag: chargers, meds, clothes, toiletries, snacks.
- ☐ Take photos of electronics setups before disconnecting cables.
- ☐ Disassemble anything you're comfortable taking apart yourself.
- ☐ Confirm parking, elevator reservations, and access one more time.

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Wrap upholstered furniture and mattresses before moving day if you can. Wet leaves and drizzle are common in October — pre-wrapped furniture stays clean either way.

MOVING DAY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Do a final walkthrough of every room, closet, and cabinet before loading.
- ☐ Point out fragile, high-value, or special-handling items before loading.
- ☐ Keep your essentials bag, documents, and valuables with you.
- ☐ Protect floors near the entrance — fallen leaves and rain make stairs slippery.
- ☐ Do a final sweep, including closets and outdoor storage, before the truck leaves.
- ☐ Confirm the delivery address and access notes with your crew.

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The most common thing people forget is checking high shelves in closets and the top of the fridge. One more sweep after you think you're done takes two minutes and saves a trip back.

THE FIRST WEEK AFTER YOU MOVE

- ☐ File a change of address with USPS, your bank, employer, and subscriptions.
- ☐ Register your car and apply for a resident parking permit if applicable.
- ☐ Set up or transfer utilities: electric, gas, internet, renter's insurance.
- ☐ Locate your circuit breaker, water shutoff, and building emergency contacts.
- ☐ Unpack room by room, starting with the kitchen and bedroom.

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Unpack the kitchen and bathroom first, even if the living room is more tempting. You'll use those two rooms within hours, and it makes the first night feel a lot more livable.

Common Mistakes We See Boston Renters Make

After thousands of moves, a handful of mistakes come up again and again. Avoid these and your move gets noticeably smoother.

- 1 **Booking too late** — fewer available time slots and less room to negotiate.
- 2 **Underestimating stairs and long carries** — mention them when you get your quote.
- 3 **Packing the night before** — rushed packing means more breakage, slower moving day.
- 4 **Forgetting to measure doorways and stairwells** for large furniture.
- 5 **Not asking about parking until moving morning** — often too late for a permit.

Ready to Book Your Fall Move?

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