

**Buy your appliances:**   
Do some comparison shopping to   
ensure you get the best deal. You   
could also ask people you know if   
they have one to spare.

**Utilities:**   
Contact your new provider two weeks

in advance of your move to ensure the   
utilities are turned on by the time you   
move in.

**Change your address:**   
File a change of address with the   
post office about a month before   
you move for each person in your household. Notify banks, utilities, the   
IRS, your employer and family and   
friends of your new address.

**Clean:**   
Before move-in day, clean the walls and   
flooring so you don’t have to worry about cleaning around furniture and furnishing when you’re unpacked.

**Arrange for movers:**   
Start shopping moving companies two months before your move. If you’re not hiring a moving company, ask your friends and family for help well in advance.

**Moving supplies:**   
Six weeks before your move, purchase boxes, tape, bubble wrap and other packing materials and begin packing your belongings.

**Change the locks and keys:**You can visit your local hardware store or call a locksmith to re-key your locks.

**Essentials box:**You want to pack this box last and open it first. Essentials include extra change of clothes for each family member, paper plates and napkins, snacks, toilet paper, all-purpose cleaner, bedding, toys and blankets. You wouldn’t need to search for these items when you need them most.

**Moving Day:**   
Give your employer two weeks’ notice of your move, and take the day off to supervise the process.

YOUR NEW HOMEOWNER TO-DO LIST

Congratulations on your new home! Now that you’re a homeowner, here’s a list of essential tasks and tools you’ll need to make the transition into homeownership:

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