Moving budget

Moving costs more than the truck. Write it all down first.

Moving date _____ From _____ To _____ Limit $ _____

New place

Item	Planned	Actual
Security deposit	$	$
First month	$	$
Last month	$	$
Application fees	$	$
Pet deposit	$	$
Total	$	$

Set-up

Item	Planned	Actual
Electric and gas	$	$
Internet	$	$
Water	$	$
Renters or home insurance	$	$
Address change	$	$
Total	$	$

The move

Item	Planned	Actual
Truck or movers	$	$
Gas	$	$
Boxes and tape	$	$
Storage	$	$
Help and pizza	$	$
Tips	$	$
Total	$	$

First week

Item	Planned	Actual
Cleaning supplies	$	$
Groceries	$	$
Shower curtain and basics	$	$
Furniture	$	$
Keys and locks	$	$
Time off work	$	$
Total	$	$

Planned
$ _____

Deposit coming back
$ _____

Actual
$ _____

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Mover quotes

Get at least three, in writing.



	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
Company			
Phone			
Quote			
Binding estimate?			
Deposit			
Hourly or flat			
Stairs or long carry fee			
Packing included			
Insurance cover			
License number checked			
Reviews			
Notes			

What I can move myself

What I will sell or donate

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Moving checklist

Eight weeks, counted backward.

8 to 6 weeks

- [ ] Set the budget
- [ ] Get quotes
- [ ] Sort and sell
- [ ] Collect free boxes
- [ ] Check lease terms
- [ ] Ask about school records

3 to 2 weeks

- [ ] Transfer utilities
- [ ] Change address with USPS
- [ ] Update bank and insurance
- [ ] Use up freezer food
- [ ] Book pet and child care

After

- [ ] Photograph the new place
- [ ] Change locks if allowed
- [ ] Test smoke detectors
- [ ] Update driver license
- [ ] Watch for the deposit

5 to 4 weeks

- [ ] Book truck or movers
- [ ] Give notice in writing
- [ ] Start packing rooms you use least
- [ ] Ask for time off
- [ ] Book elevator or parking

Last week

- [ ] Pack a first-night box
- [ ] Photograph the old place
- [ ] Clean
- [ ] Return keys
- [ ] Read the meters
- [ ] Check every room

Deposit notes

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Box inventory

Number each box.



Box	Room	Inside
1		
2		
3		
4		
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6		
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Box	Room	Inside
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