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*What's the best city for your life?*

The Ultimate

## Relocation Checklist

Everything you need to plan, budget, and execute a successful move.

*[PLACEHOLDER — Full content coming soon]*

### How to Use This Checklist

**Moving to a new city is one of life's biggest decisions. This checklist breaks the process into manageable phases so nothing falls through the cracks. Check off each item as you go.**

**Tip: Start working through this list 8–12 weeks before your target move date for the smoothest experience.**

#### Phase 1: Research & Decision (8–12 Weeks Out)

- Compare cities on UrbanCompare.com (cost of living, safety, climate, jobs)
- Research job market / transfer options in target city
- Calculate cost of living difference using UrbanCompare data
- Research neighborhoods that fit your lifestyle and budget
- Visit the city in person if possible (weekday + weekend)
- Check school ratings if you have children
- Research state/local tax implications
- Talk to people who live there (Reddit, Facebook groups, etc.)

## Phase 2: Financial Planning (6–8 Weeks Out)

- Create a moving budget (movers, deposits, travel, overlap rent)
- Save 3–6 months of expenses as a safety net
- Get quotes from at least 3 moving companies
- Research rental prices in target neighborhoods
- Understand security deposit requirements
- Set up a local bank account if moving states
- Check your credit report (you'll need it for rentals)
- Start decluttering — sell, donate, or trash what you won't take

## Phase 3: Logistics & Admin (4–6 Weeks Out)

- Secure housing (sign lease or close on home)
- Book your moving company or truck rental
- Submit change of address with USPS
- Transfer or set up new utilities (electric, gas, water, internet)
- Notify employer / arrange remote work transition
- Transfer prescriptions to a pharmacy in the new city
- Get medical/dental records and referrals
- Update address on insurance policies (health, auto, renters)
- Research and register for new state driver's license requirements

## Phase 4: Final Prep (1–2 Weeks Out)

- Confirm moving company date, time, and details
- Pack an essentials box (toiletries, chargers, meds, documents, snacks)
- Back up all digital files and photos
- Clean current residence for deposit return
- Take photos of empty apartment for documentation
- Say goodbye to friends, favorite spots, and neighbors
- Arrange travel for pets if applicable
- Prepare cash/snacks for moving day crew

### Phase 5: Settling In (First 30 Days)

- Unpack essentials first (bed, kitchen, bathroom)
- Introduce yourself to neighbors
- Explore your neighborhood on foot (grocery stores, parks, transit)
- Register to vote in new state/county
- Update driver's license and vehicle registration
- Find a new primary care doctor and dentist
- Set up your new commute (test it before your first day)
- Join a local group, gym, or community organization
- Revisit your budget after 30 days — adjust for actual costs

Compare cities side-by-side at

**UrbanCompare.com**

Data from federal, state, and local government resources.