

Change of address checklist

Who to give your new address to when you move in the US, the ones that matter most first. Tick each one as you go.



Start with these

- ☐ **USPS mail forwarding.** At usps.com/move, up to 3 months before you move. Online there's a small identity check fee by card; on paper at a post office it's free. Mail is forwarded for 12 months.
- ☐ **The IRS.** Put the new address on your next tax return, or send Form 8822 now. Not all post offices forward government checks.
- ☐ **Driver's license and car registration.** At your state's DMV. Many states set a deadline after you move, so check yours. Moving to another state means getting its license.
- ☐ **Voter registration.** At vote.gov, which takes you to your state's own site. Moved to another state? Register there.
- ☐ **Social Security and Medicare.** If you get benefits or have Medicare, change it in your my Social Security account at ssa.gov.

Money

- ☐ **Banks and credit cards.** Every account and card. Online shops check your card's billing address, so an old one can get orders declined.
- ☐ **Loans.** Mortgage, car and student loans: tell each lender or loan servicer.
- ☐ **Retirement and investment accounts.** 401(k), IRA and brokerage accounts. Their tax forms often come by mail.
- ☐ **Your tax preparer.** So this year's return goes out with the new address.

Work and school

- ☐ **Your employer.** HR or payroll, so your pay and your W-2 reach you. A move to another state can change your state taxes too.
- ☐ **Schools.** Your children's schools, and your own college or university.
- ☐ **Professional licenses.** Licensing boards and professional groups. Many want your current address on file.

Insurance

- ☐ **Car insurance.** Your rate can change with your address, and your policy should say where the car is kept.
- ☐ **Home or renters insurance.** Cover the new place from the day you move in, and end the old policy once you've left.
- ☐ **Health, dental and vision.** Moving to a new area can change which doctors are in your plan.
- ☐ **Life, pet and other policies**

Health

- ☐ **Doctors and dentists.** Moving far? Ask for copies of your records before you go.
- ☐ **Your pharmacy.** Move your prescriptions to a pharmacy near the new place, and update any that come by mail.
- ☐ **Your vet and your pet's microchip.** Update the microchip company too, so a lost pet can be brought home.

Your home

- ☐ **Utilities.** Electric, gas, water and trash: off at the old place the day after you leave, on at the new place the day before you arrive.
- ☐ **Internet, TV and phone.** Book the new place's setup early, and return any equipment you rented.
- ☐ **Your old landlord.** Give them your new address in writing, so your deposit can find you.
- ☐ **Services at the old place.** Cleaning, lawn care, security and deliveries: stop them or move them.

Shopping and subscriptions

- ☐ **Online shops.** Change the saved address in each one, so the next order doesn't go to the old place.
- ☐ **Subscriptions by mail.** Magazines, meal kits, subscription boxes and pet food.
- ☐ **Memberships and rewards.** Warehouse clubs, airlines, hotels and store cards.
- ☐ **Charities you give to.** So their receipts reach you at tax time.

People and the rest

- ☐ **Family and friends.** Send them the new address, and update your holiday card list.
- ☐ **Clubs and local places.** Gym, library, place of worship, clubs and teams.
- ☐ **Toll pass and parking.** Your toll account and any parking permits.
- ☐ **What's still being forwarded.** A few weeks after the move, look at the mail that still comes forwarded: those senders still have your old address.

If these apply to you

- ☐ **VA benefits and health care.** At va.gov.
- ☐ **State benefits.** SNAP, Medicaid, unemployment or child care help: tell the agency that pays them.
- ☐ **Your business.** Clients, suppliers, your state, and the IRS (Form 8822-B).

Pax's tip

Packing too? Give every box a number and a QR label, and snap what goes in. Months later, scan the label to see what's inside without opening it. Your first box is free at box-track.com.



Scan to tick it off