

First night box checklist

What to pack in the box you open first at the new place, and what to keep with you instead of on the truck. Tick each one as you pack.



How to pack it

- Use a clear plastic bin if you have one, or write OPEN FIRST big on every side of a box.
- Pack it last, the night before, so nothing ends up on top of it.
- Take it in your car if you can. If it goes on the truck, load it last so it comes off first.
- Keep medicines, documents, keys and chargers in a bag you carry, not in the box.

Keep with you, not on the truck

- ☐ **Medicines.** A few days' worth of everything you take, and anything you might need in the night.
- ☐ **Documents.** IDs and passports, the lease or closing papers, and the moving paperwork.
- ☐ **Keys.** For the new place, the car, the mailbox and any storage unit.
- ☐ **Phones, chargers and a power bank.** In case the power isn't on when you arrive.
- ☐ **Jewelry, cash and small valuables**
- ☐ **Laptops and tablets.** With their chargers.

To sleep

- ☐ **Sheets, pillows and blankets.** For each bed.
- ☐ **Clothes for a day or two.** For each person, and pajamas.
- ☐ **A flashlight or a lamp.** Some rooms have no ceiling light, and bulbs can be missing.
- ☐ **Something to cover the windows.** A sheet or a towel will do until the curtains are up.

To wash

- ☐ **Toilet paper**
- ☐ **Hand soap and towels.** A towel for each person.
- ☐ **Toothbrushes and toiletries.** Toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and glasses or contact lens things.
- ☐ **A shower curtain and its rings**
- ☐ **A small first aid kit.** Bandages and pain relief, for the cuts and bumps of moving day.

To eat and drink

- ☐ **Water and snacks.** For you and anyone helping.
- ☐ **A kettle or coffee maker.** With coffee or tea for the first morning.
- ☐ **A few plates, cups and cutlery.** Paper plates are fine for a night or two.
- ☐ **A can opener, a sharp knife and a cutting board**
- ☐ **Dish soap and a sponge**
- ☐ **Trash bags**

To open and fix things

- ☐ **A box cutter or scissors.** In your pocket, not in a box.
- ☐ **A screwdriver and an Allen key.** To put the beds back together. Keep the bags of screws with this box.
- ☐ **Packing tape and a marker**
- ☐ **An extension cord or power strip**

To clean

- ☐ **Cleaning spray and paper towels.** To wipe down the kitchen and the bathroom before you unpack.
- ☐ **Rubber gloves and wipes**

Kids and pets

- ☐ **A favorite toy and a bedtime book.** Something familiar helps them sleep in a new room.
- ☐ **Diapers, wipes and baby food.** If you need them.
- ☐ **Pet food, bowls and a leash.** And the litter box, litter and any medicine they take.
- ☐ **Your pet's bed or blanket**

Pax's tip

Can't remember which box the kettle went in? With BoxTrack, snap what goes in each box as you pack, then search "kettle" to see which box it's in. Your first box is free at box-track.com.



Scan to tick it off

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