

A young couple is shown in a close embrace, smiling warmly. The woman, on the left, has curly hair and is holding a set of white keys. The man, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a light blue denim shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

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Relocation guide – moving to Florida checklist

Now that you've gotten a taste of living in the Sunshine State, let's get you moving with a checklist designed to minimize your stress, by helping you declutter and simplify your packing and moving so you can settle quickly and easily into your new home.

One Month Before the Big Move:

- Research moving companies, make contact and secure written estimates. Research each company's insurer as well as how claims are made if the property is damaged. After making comparisons, it's time to choose your moving company, make your reservation and confirm, dates, times, and costs.
- Update your address with the USPS (United States Postal Service) – it can be completed easily online with no trip to the Post Office needed. You'll also need to notify the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) of your new address.
- If needed, transfer school records for your children.
- Ask your family's physicians for referrals if needed and inquire about the process of transferring medical records to your new doctors.
- Notify and update insurance information – home, auto, health, etc. Ask if your personal property is covered during the transition to your new home in Florida.
- Schedule cancellation of utilities, cable, internet, lawn care, pool care, etc. at your old home, as well as installation and start-up of these services at your new home.
- Notify your creditors of your new address.
- Declutter your home as you prepare your items for packing. Now is the time to make donations (tax-deductible), have a yard sale, and get rid of items you no longer need.
- Once the decluttering is complete, start prepping to pack your items.

Two Weeks Before the Big Move:

- Verify utility and home services cancellation dates.
- If you are packing, gather the needed packing supplies – boxes, tape, packing material, etc.
- Plan your travel arrangements for your family and your pets.
- Begin packing, labeling boxes clearly with contents and rooms. Keep items needed daily out in a central location to be packed on your final day in your old home.

One Week Before the Big Move:

- Confirm your moving reservations (moving company or truck rental).
- Secure your important documents and carry them with you. They shouldn't be packed with your other belongings.
- Have any prescriptions transferred to your new pharmacy, or if mail-order, make sure to update your new address.
- Notify the bank of your move or transfer your accounts as needed.
- Clean as you pack, making sure to empty cabinets, closets, and appliances.
- Notify your friends and family of your new address.

The Day Before the Big Move:

- Make sure you have cash on hand for unexpected expenses.
- Have water and snacks for moving day and your travel days.
- Pack your final boxes, with the exception of traveling clothes and toiletries needed.

The Big Move – Moving Day:

- Note any meter readings in case of discrepancy with your final utility bills.
- Supervise your movers and verify details regarding your new address as well as the time to expect delivery.
- Make plans to arrive at your destination before the movers.
- Once you arrive at your new home in Tributary, unpack and begin enjoying your home with your family, exploring the amenities, meeting the neighbors, and making memories with your loved ones. As you settle in, you have all you need to enjoy everything Florida has to offer.

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