Moving checklist

A practical planner for Washington households. Use the parts that fit your move.

Move date: _____ **Access date:** _____ **Review:** _____

1 Make the plan before booking

- [ ] Write down the reason for moving and the daily needs the next home must meet.
- [ ] Confirm access, key dates, and the end of responsibilities at the current home.
- [ ] List work, school, transport, accessibility, and family or caregiving needs.
- [ ] Record which arrangements are confirmed and which still depend on someone else.

2 Prepare belongings, services, and people

- [ ] Sort belongings: keep, donate, recycle, dispose, or move later. Check large-item access.
- [ ] Compare written moving arrangements: included work, exclusions, deposits, and timing.
- [ ] List mail, utility, internet, insurance, school, and employer changes; verify with each.
- [ ] Agree who handles packing, transport, access, children, pets, and any assistance needed.

3 Track tasks with dates and owners

Task / dependency	Person or organization	Due date	Confirmed?

Dates can change. Write one fallback for a delayed move or unavailable destination:

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Moving costs & first week

Keep one-time moving costs separate from the recurring cost of the next home.

4 Estimate the transition costs

One-time cost	Estimate / quote	Confirmed amount
Transport / moving help		
Packing, supplies, cleaning		
Storage / temporary arrangements		
Travel / other upfront costs		
Overlapping housing costs		
TOTAL estimated transition costs		

Also compare ongoing housing, utilities, insurance, transport, and upkeep at the destination. Use the separate housing budget worksheet for recurring costs.

5 Keep an essentials bag accessible

- ☐ Identification, keys, agreements, contact details, and important personal documents.
- ☐ Chargers, first-night items, basic supplies, and essential everyday items.
- ☐ A clear plan for children, pets, and anyone who needs help during the move.

6 Review the first week

- ☐ Check essential services and complete outstanding address changes.
- ☐ Compare actual costs with the estimate; keep receipts and agreements together.
- ☐ Review travel, school, work, and family support routines; assign remaining tasks.

Next question / person to contact / follow-up date:

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