EIGHT WEEKS TO KEYS, IN ORDER

THE COMPLETE MOVING GUIDE

A move is three problems: deciding what goes, getting it there, and being able to live in the new place on night one. Work backwards from moving day.

EIGHT WEEKS OUT

- [ ] Book movers, get three quotes
- [ ] Start the declutter, room by room, hardest first
- [ ] Measure doorways and stairwells at both ends
- [ ] Photograph anything valuable before it is wrapped

FOUR WEEKS OUT

- [ ] Order supplies, overbuy boxes and underbuy tape at your peril
- [ ] Change of address: bank, insurance, school, medical
- [ ] Begin packing what you will not need
- [ ] Arrange time off for the day before, not only the day

ONE WEEK OUT

- [ ] Pack a first-night box per person, keep it with you
- [ ] Defrost the freezer
- [ ] Confirm the movers in writing
- [ ] Set aside cleaning supplies, do not pack them

MOVING DAY

- [ ] Walk the empty house before you leave, every cabinet
- [ ] Photograph the meters at both properties
- [ ] Keep documents, keys and medication on your person
- [ ] Feed whoever helps you

YOUR FIRST-NIGHT BOX

Name what has to be reachable at 10:00 PM on moving day without opening a single other box.

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