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## TWO MONTHS BEFORE

### ☐ VISIT THE CAMPUS

Before the neighborhood starts, visit the school to familiarize yourself with the surroundings. Acquaint yourself with key landmarks and buildings like libraries, student centers, and the lecture halls where your classes will be held. During your visit, ensure you visit the Admissions Office. The staff at the Admissions Office can provide you with valuable resources like maps and advise you on what to pack for college

### ☐ GET ALL STUFF ORGANIZED

Create a moving binder to consolidate all the important documents you'll require, like your driver's license, state-issued ID, and official school documents.

### ☐ GATHER PACKING SUPPLIES

Start collecting packing supplies like packing tape, boxes, permanent markers, scissors, and labels for your move. Gathering these supplies will make your move smoother.

### ☐ RESEARCH FOR MOVING SERVICE OPTIONS

If you opt to hire movers, start comparing various moving options. Starting your research sooner rather than later will allow you to pick a suitable moving option for your needs.

### ☐ SEARCH FOR HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

If you plan to reside off-campus, start looking for housing early. Starting your house search soon can help you familiarize yourself with the neighborhoods next to your college and avoid the last-minute rush for housing units. Sites like Neighborhood Scout can give you valuable insights into nearby neighborhoods.

### ☐ CONSIDER YOUR LIVING SITUATION

Your move will be different depending on whether you'll live on-campus or off-campus. If you live on campus, you'll need to carry much less since most of your furniture will be provided by the university. On the other hand, if you live off-campus, you'll have more things to move. In this case, it might be advisable to hire college movers or move bulky items separately.

### ☐ PLAN OUT YOUR MEALS

Look into the meal options at your school. Some colleges offer a flexible meal plan that can allow you to pick your preferred meals, while others require students to buy a meal plan. Research about available meal plans so that you don't have to worry about how you'll pay for meals when you're trying to settle.





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### CHECK YOUR DORM STATUS

If you applied for on-campus housing, check whether your application has been approved and the dorm you've been assigned.



### DECIDE WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND

Overpacking is a common mistake many freshmen make. Avoid overpacking by only carrying essential items you'll require for school. If an item feels unnecessary, leave it.



### PICK A MOVING METHOD

The moving method you choose will largely depend on various factors like whether you'll live on or off-campus, how far you're moving, and your budget. If you're moving with only a few items to a campus nearby, you could drive yourself or ask a family member or friend to drive you. However, if you have several boxes and bulky items like furniture, consider hiring professional furniture movers.



### GET A COLLEGE MOVING SERVICE QUOTE

Request quotes from various moving services to help you pick a moving service that meets your needs and budget.



### BOOK A COLLEGE MOVING SERVICE

After going through various quotes, book a service that meets your requirements. Booking a moving service in advance will help you avoid the last-minute rush for movers when the peak moving season arrives.



### DRAFT A COLLEGE DORM PACKING LIST

Write out your packing list. Group the packing list for college dorm items into categories such as kitchen supplies, school supplies, and clothing. Categorizing items will guide you during packing and facilitate the process.

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## ONE WEEK BEFORE



### START PACKING THE BOXES

Gather any items you'll carry but won't require at hand, and put them into boxes. The sooner you start packing, the less stressed you'll be on moving day.



### START SHOPPING FOR MOVING

Remember the college packing list you wrote with your college dorm essentials list? Refer to it and start shopping for any essentials you may not have, like beddings, stationery, and toiletries. Be careful not to buy too much, though – you can always stock up on depleted supplies at school.



### VISIT YOUR DOCTOR

Pay your doctor a visit for a checkup and replenish any medication you'll need to carry to school.



### START BIDDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY FAREWELL

Once you have ticked off most of the items on your College Checklist, start saying your goodbyes. Plan a farewell party, even if it's just a small party with a few close friends.



### FINALIZE YOUR MOVING PLAN

If you booked movers, confirm your moving arrangements to ensure you're all on the same page.





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## A DAY BEFORE



### USE A COLLEGE CHECKLIST FOR A SMOOTH MOVE

Moving to college can be stressful, but it doesn't have to be. Hire Sunshine Movers and use a college move in checklist for a stress-free and even somewhat enjoyable move.



### PACK PERSONAL ITEMS

Pack any valuable items like your laptop separately and carry them with you, either in your backpack or personal vehicle.



### COUNTER CHECK YOUR DOCUMENTS

Double-check the documents you'll need to carry to college to ensure they're all in order when the moving day arrives.

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## IN CONCLUSION

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## FAQS

- **How Can a College Student Move Across the Country?**

You can move across the country by hiring professional movers. As professional college movers, we'll ensure your items are transported safely and on time.

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- **Can I Connect with My Roommate Beforehand?**

Some colleges may connect you with your roommate before the semester starts. If your college does, seize the opportunity to coordinate your living arrangements with your roommate.

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- **Are There Items I Can't Bring with Me?**

You can't carry flammable items like lighter fluid and paint. Also, while we may carry most of your items, you may be prohibited from bringing certain items into your dorm room. Check what items are disallowed in your dorm to avoid disappointment.

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- **When Am I Allowed to Move In?**

The move in day will depend on your campus, but freshmen generally move in a few days before other students to help them adjust to their new surroundings. Check when you can move in on your school's online calendar.

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- **What About Elevators, Carts, or Dollies for Moving In?**

Freight elevators can make your move smoother. Check whether they're available before the move. For bulky items, we provide carts and dollies to make moving easier.

