

Moving Cleanup Checklist

The two-week purge plan — leave the old house empty, arrive at the new one light. · Recommended size: 15–20 yard

Planning timeline

2 weeks out: Purge room by room: Move / Donate / Toss

10 days out: Book the dumpster for the weekend before moving day

1 week out: Attic, shed, and garage — the never-again stuff lives there

Moving week: Toss pile loads as you pack; no debris mountain on truck day

Walkthrough: House shows broom-clean; deposits and closings stay happy

Safety reminders

- Don't pack what you should pitch — 20–30% of most houses shouldn't make the trip
- Lift smart during the sprint week; the dolly is your friend
- Set hazardous garage items aside — they can't ride
- Keep pathways clear as boxes and toss piles compete for space

Dumpster sizing

An apartment or small-home purge fits a 15-yard; a family home with garage and attic runs a 20. Long-lived-in houses edge toward estate-cleanout territory — consider the 14-day rental.

Tips from the pros

- Purge before you pack — paying movers to haul junk hurts twice
- Break down old furniture that isn't making the cut
- Sell-worthy items: photograph now, list tonight
- Book pickup for the day after the walkthrough

Recycling suggestions

- Donation pickups book out — schedule the truck early
- Moving boxes: neighborhood groups take them instantly
- Old electronics: e-waste rides in household loads

Common mistakes to avoid

- Paying to move boxes you'll toss at the new house
- Leaving the shed for 'later' — later is moving day
- Renting the can after the movers are booked (do it first)
- Forgetting the walkthrough standard is empty, not 'mostly empty'

Project notes
