

A BEFORE AND AFTER MOVING CHECKLIST FOR TEXAS

BEFORE MOVING TO TEXAS

- Research a Variety of Texas Cities and Neighborhoods. The state of Texas is home to [Dallas](#), [Houston](#) and [San Antonio](#), three of the biggest cities in the country. Big-time sports fans will find their kin in Dallas, those who want a more relaxed vibe can settle in San Antonio, and people seeking an ethnically diverse culture and business can get what they're looking for in Houston. If you're seeking a smaller city with an eccentric community filled with young professionals, you should definitely call [Austin](#) home, otherwise known as the self-proclaimed live music capital in the world.
- Find a Place to Live and Set up Utilities The best way to find a place to live in a new state is by [working with a local realtor](#) in your new city. They can offer expert advice for a variety of neighborhoods to help you get a home that best suits your taste, lifestyle, and budgetary requirements. In Texas, you have the right to representation in all real estate transactions, be it for rental or purchase, so this [free service](#) of someone negotiating contracts on your behalf is highly recommended.
- Create a moving budget for [potential vehicle breakdowns](#), [emergencies](#), and any snags that occur along the way.
- Schedule the [activation of your utilities](#) before you arrive at your new residence (Many utility plans available offer service in exchange for continuous payment and a one-time deposit. This deposit should be accounted for in your moving expenses).
- Phone ahead or check online to see what each [utility provider charges for a deposit](#) and either pay or budget for it.
- If you are financially capable, it can be very beneficial to [hire a moving company](#) to assist you in this big life transition (make sure you inquire about any hidden costs that might not be mentioned in the upfront costs.)
- When getting quotes from different moving companies, make sure you inquire about [any hidden](#)

[costs](#) that might not be mentioned in the upfront costs.

- Tie up loose ends. It is important to give your boss ample notice about your decision to move as they may need your assistance in training your replacement. On the flip side, if you are moving due to a new job, [let your new boss know of your travel schedule](#) so they know when the best time is to contact you if necessary.
- [Cancel any local services](#) such as your utilities, internet and TV subscriptions.
- Make sure you [notify all creditors](#) and the [postal service](#) of your new address to ensure that all your [mail is forwarded](#) to your new Texas home.

AFTER MOVING TO TEXAS

- Register Your Car and Transfer Your Driver's License. You have [30 days](#) from the time you move to get your [vehicle registered](#) in the state of Texas. Finally, you have [90 days](#) within moving to Texas to [get a state driver's license](#), making you an official Texas resident!
- Make sure you [get your vehicle inspected](#) and [get a sticker to display on your windshield from a certified technician that states you passed the inspection](#). Texas law requires all drivers to have at least [\\$25,000 in coverage for destruction or injury of property](#), [\\$30,000 for injury or death of one person](#) in an accident and [\\$60,000 for injury or death of two or more people](#) in an accident. As long as the auto insurance you had issued in your previous state met these requirements, you don't have to make any changes.
- Locate [Essential Services](#) and Establish Essential Relationships. Figure out where the [local grocery stores](#), [pharmacies](#), [hospitals](#) and [police stations](#) are in your immediate area. This will all come in handy when you need access to these services on a moment's notice.
- Open up any [new bank accounts](#), find the nearest [ATMs](#), new [healthcare providers](#), and [even a new hairstylist and babysitter](#) should you require one. Lean on referrals and references.

MOVE TO TEXAS TODAY!

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