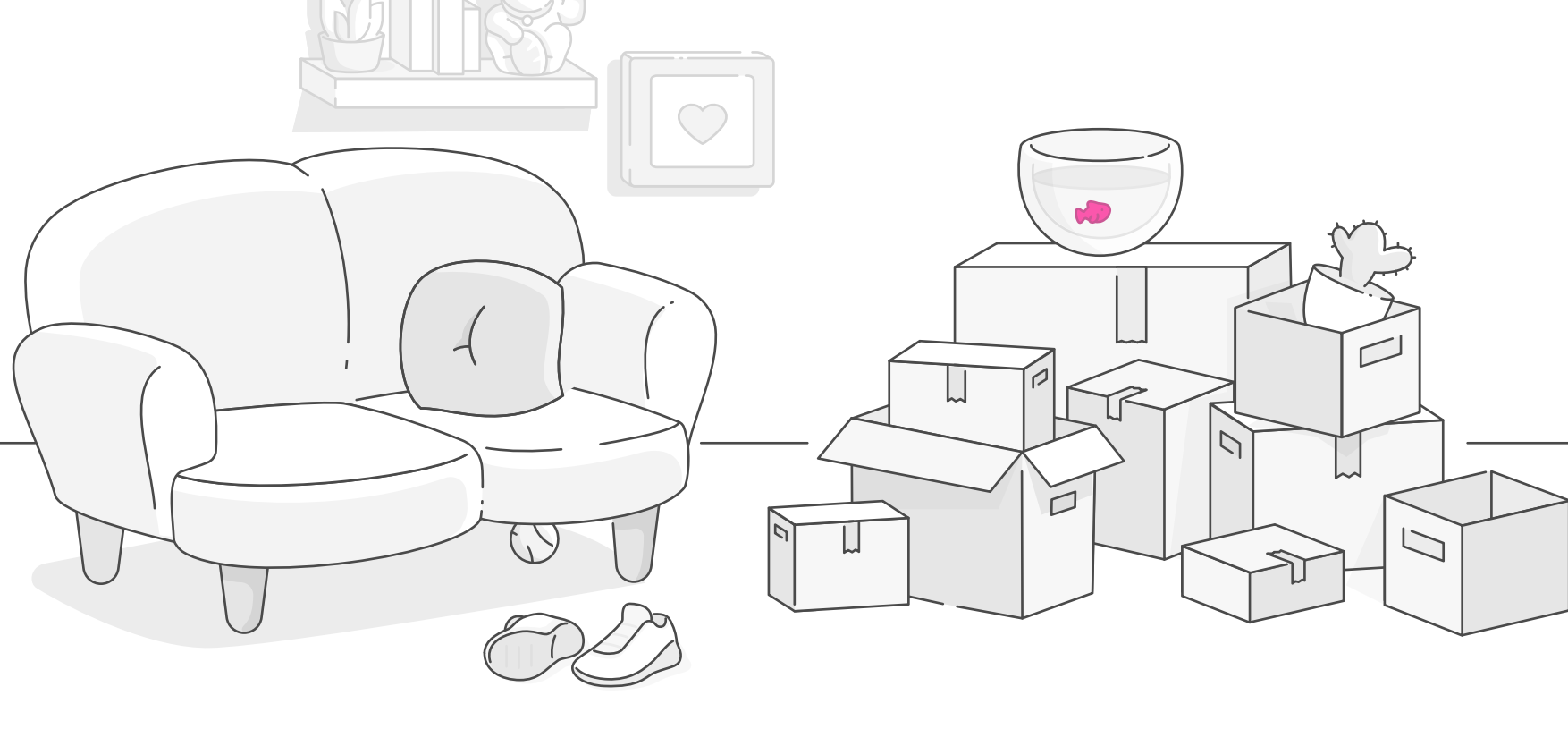


Your Ultimate Moving Checklist

How to prepare for a move, without the stress.



Before Your Move

Plan ahead, get organized

- Set your move-in date.
- Ask for time off from work.
- Take measurements of your new apartment. Make sure to measure all the doorways, plus the elevator or stairway.
- Set a budget for your move. Factor in the costs of movers, boxes and other packing materials, and moving insurance.
- Research moving companies, and get estimates.

Sort through your stuff

- Divide your stuff into three categories: "keep," "sell," and "donate".
- Use a furniture calculator to determine the value of what you're selling.
- List the stuff you want to sell online, or host a garage sale.
- Document everything you're keeping to get a sense of what's coming with you.

Prepare to pack, and update your info

- Gather boxes.
- Notify the following parties of your new address: Your bank, the DMV, your employer's HR department, your credit card company(ies), the post office, your utilities providers.
- Get a new renters insurance policy for your new place.
- Gather your moving boxes, labeling each by: 1) the room it's going in 2) a number.
- Start packing your least used items.

Begin packing, get ready to leave

- Confirm any move-in requirements with your landlord (i.e., getting a renters insurance policy).
- Take pictures of your fully assembled and plugged in electronics to refer to when reassembling.
- Pack up your kitchen, being sure to wrap up the breakables.
- Begin packing your room, sans the absolute essentials.
- Pack up all the nonessentials in the rest of your apartment.
- Cancel your local memberships (if moving to a new neighborhood).
- Refill your prescriptions, and transfer them to a new pharmacy.
- Schedule a cleaning service for your old apartment.

Sort out the small things

- Prepare a week of meals in advance, or make a takeout strategy.
- Backup your computer.
- Reconfirm the arrangements with your moving company.

Finish up, clean up

- Pack an 'essentials' box for the first 24 hours of your move.
- Pack up the rest of your stuff!
- Stop watering your plants so they're easier to transport.
- Pack your smaller plants in boxes.
- Set aside cash to tip your movers.

During the Move

Double check everything, and say hello to your new digs!

- Take pics of your old place to prove it's in prime condition.
- Do a final walkthrough of your old place, making sure you have everything.
- Walk around your new digs, verifying that your movers have delivered each box to the correct room.
- Verify that everything has arrived in one piece.
- Tip your movers!
- Make your bed, and unpack your toiletries.
- Take pics of your new place to keep as a record.

