

YOUR MOVE, *THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED.*

A Southern California moving checklist

A calm, considered timeline from signed agreement to feeling at home - with official address tools for utilities and schools.

MOVE DATE _____

AGENT / CONCIERGE _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

MOVER _____

KEY RELEASE _____

BUILDING / HOA _____

START WITH THE EXACT ADDRESS

Service territories and school boundaries do not always follow city names.

Use the official tools on page 6, then confirm service, enrollment, timing, documents, and eligibility directly with the named provider or district.

KEEP WITH YOU

- ☐ Identification and signed agreements
- ☐ Insurance, prescriptions, and pet records
- ☐ Keys, access codes, and device chargers
- ☐ Jewelry, valuables, and irreplaceable items

Begin with certainty, not urgency.

01

6-8 weeks before

Set the dates, protect what matters, and make the major decisions first.

- ☐ Confirm closing, lease, possession, and key-release dates with your agent or property manager.
- ☐ Decide what will move, store, sell, donate, or be responsibly disposed of.
- ☐ Obtain written mover estimates; confirm licensing, insurance, storage terms, and handling for art, wine, pianos, or other specialty items.
- ☐ Photograph valuable belongings and create a simple room-by-room inventory.
- ☐ Review homeowners or renters coverage, including effective dates and transit or storage coverage.
- ☐ Measure large furniture, doors, elevators, and stairwells; sketch a placement plan for the new home.
- ☐ Arrange school, work, childcare, pet care, and travel needed around moving day.
- ☐ Create a hand-carry file for identification, contracts, insurance, prescriptions, pet records, keys, and irreplaceable documents.

02

3-4 weeks before

Confirm the practical systems around the address and reserve the people you need.

- ☐ Identify providers using the exact property address: electricity, gas, water, sewer, trash, and internet.
- ☐ Check the official school-assignment tool for the exact address, then confirm enrollment details directly with the district.
- ☐ Schedule service starts and stops, allowing a short overlap when practical.
- ☐ Submit official USPS mail forwarding and update banks, employers, insurers, medical offices, schools, subscriptions, and regular deliveries.
- ☐ Reserve movers or storage and confirm truck access, gate instructions, elevator times, insurance certificates, and parking rules.
- ☐ Review HOA or building move rules, permitted hours, deposits, and protective-padding requirements.
- ☐ Schedule agreed cleaning, repairs, landscaping, pool service, pest service, and appliance work.
- ☐ Begin packing low-use rooms and update pet identification and veterinary records.

The details are the plan.

03

1-2 weeks before

Reconfirm the plan and separate everything that stays with you.

- ☐ Reconfirm mover date, arrival window, addresses, contacts, written estimate, payment terms, and storage destination.
- ☐ Prepare a first-night kit: bedding, towels, toiletries, chargers, tools, paper goods, pet supplies, snacks, and clothing.
- ☐ Refill prescriptions and plan safe transport for temperature-sensitive medication.
- ☐ Back up important files; personally carry medications, documents, jewelry, valuables, and devices.
- ☐ Use or donate remaining food and properly dispose of paint, fuel, chemicals, and items movers cannot transport.
- ☐ Confirm insurance and utility effective dates in writing.
- ☐ Inventory smart-home equipment, locks, cameras, thermostats, garage controls, hubs, and subscriptions.
- ☐ Confirm final walk-through, key exchange, elevator, parking, and property-access arrangements.

04

Moving week

Protect the property, confirm access, and make arrival easier.

- ☐ Confirm the route, truck clearance, gate codes, parking or elevator reservation, and building contact.
- ☐ Photograph the condition of both homes and visible meter readings where safely accessible.
- ☐ Complete only the cleaning and repairs required or approved by the agreement or property manager.
- ☐ Label a clearly marked Do Not Load area for essentials, documents, keys, medication, and valuables.
- ☐ Prepare appliances according to manufacturer instructions; protect floors, walls, and delicate finishes.
- ☐ Gather keys, remotes, manuals, warranties, and access instructions for the agreed handoff.
- ☐ Check weather, road closures, and official local emergency notices; share changes with the mover.
- ☐ Verify that essential services will be active when you arrive.

Keys in hand. Stay deliberate.

05

Moving day

Keep people safe, document condition, and direct the handoff.

- ☐ Keep children and pets safely away from doors, driveways, and loading activity.
- ☐ Walk through both properties and record existing condition before loading and unloading.
- ☐ Keep essentials, documents, medication, devices, keys, and valuables with you.
- ☐ Direct furniture by room and protect floors, corners, and high-touch finishes.
- ☐ Check cartons and furniture against the inventory; document loss or damage before signing when possible.
- ☐ Inspect closets, cabinets, attic, garage, outdoor areas, and storage spaces before leaving.
- ☐ Leave or collect keys, remotes, and codes exactly as agreed.
- ☐ At the new home, identify emergency exits, the electrical panel, and the water shutoff.

06

First 48 hours

Settle the essentials, secure access, and learn the home.

- ☐ Set up beds, medication, food, pet supplies, and one comfortable living space first.
- ☐ Confirm water, hot water, power, HVAC, refrigeration, internet, and waste service.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms according to manufacturer or building guidance.
- ☐ Reset locks, garage controls, gates, alarm codes, and smart-home access where rules permit.
- ☐ Remove former smart-home users and review camera, microphone, location, and data-sharing settings.
- ☐ Photograph arrival condition and promptly document concerns with the appropriate party.
- ☐ Learn parking, package, trash, emergency, and HOA procedures.
- ☐ Secure tall furniture and fragile objects; ask a qualified professional about seismic concerns.

Make the new address feel like home.

07

After the move

Close out the old address and put the new home on steady footing.

- ☐ Review the mover's final invoice and promptly follow its process for documented loss or damage.
- ☐ Confirm final utility bills, deposits, refunds, mail forwarding, and storage charges.
- ☐ Finish remaining address updates, including government records and voter information as applicable.
- ☐ Register with the HOA or building and add approved residents, vehicles, pets, and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Update the home inventory and securely keep receipts, photographs, warranties, and property records.
- ☐ Schedule ongoing home, landscape, pool, HVAC, and pest maintenance as needed.
- ☐ Review local alerts, household meeting points, and evacuation routes.
- ☐ Revisit stored belongings after 60-90 days and donate anything no longer needed.

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Readiness notes

Know the home before you need to.

Earthquakes

Learn safe protective actions, secure heavy furniture, keep a practical emergency kit, and locate shutoffs. Do not operate gas equipment unless the utility or a qualified professional directs you.

Wildfire

Review official hazard information and local evacuation guidance. Ask the appropriate authority about property-specific vegetation, defensible-space, or home-hardening recommendations.

Heat and pets

Keep people, animals, medication, plants, and heat-sensitive belongings out of parked vehicles and unconditioned spaces during warm-weather moves.

BUYING, SELLING, OR RENTING?

Buying: confirm recording, possession, and key release before scheduling access.

Selling: follow the purchase agreement for property condition, included items, and possession.

Renting: follow the lease for notice, move-out, cleaning, walk-through, and key return.

Start with the address.

ADDRESS TOOLS

Find the right providers

Enter the full street address on the official agency site.

Iconic Properties does not receive or store it.

Electric utility territory

California Energy Commission - search the address, enable Electric Utilities, and select the boundary.

Natural-gas service area

SoCalGas - search the street address and inspect the service-area layer.

Drinking-water system

California Water Board - search the address and select the water-system boundary.

Internet providers

California Broadband Map - choose Tools, Search Providers by Address, then Load Location.

LA residential collection

LA Sanitation - use Find Your Residential Collection Day for eligible city addresses.

Riverside County waste hauler

Search the assigned-hauler map for unincorporated Riverside County properties.

San Bernardino County waste hauler

Search the county map for unincorporated High Desert properties.

SCHOOL CHECKER

Check the assigned schools

Use the district's official address tool, then confirm enrollment eligibility and current boundaries directly with the district.

LAUSD Resident School Identifier

Enter a residential address to see the LAUSD resident-school assignment.

Los Angeles County District Map

Identify the public-school district serving an address before opening its local assignment tool.

Santa Monica-Malibu School Locator

Search the official district map for schools serving a Santa Monica or Malibu address.

Palm Springs Unified - Find My School

Use the address-based lookup for zoned schools and current transportation information.

Desert Sands School Boundary Map

Search schools of attendance for Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, and nearby addresses.

Morongo Unified Boundary Lookup

Open the official school-boundary resource for Joshua Tree and nearby High Desert communities.

GreatSchools ratings and reviews

A separate reference for public-school ratings and school profiles; it does not determine enrollment.

BOUNDARIES CAN CHANGE

A home's mailing city, a nearby school, a real-estate listing, or a third-party website does not guarantee assignment.

Confirm the resident school, grade availability, transfer rules, transportation, required documents, and enrollment timing directly with the district before relying on the result.

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