

DECLUTTERING TIMELINE

DECLUTTERING TIMELINE: UP TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE YOU MOVE

If you have the luxury of knowing about an upcoming move well in advance, consider yourself lucky! Between 3-4 and up to 6 months ahead of a move, I recommend you begin with the following categories:

- Seasonal Items (decor, clothing, dishes)
- Sports Equipment & Camping Gear
- Toys & Board Games
- Craft & Hobby Supplies
- Collectibles
- Books
- Paperwork
- Photos & Keepsakes
- Musical Instruments
- Building Materials (likely to be included in the garage declutter)
- Lawn & Garden Supplies

DECLUTTERING TIMELINE: 1-2 MONTHS BEFORE YOU MOVE

Now is the time to be brutal with your decluttering. If you don't love/use something, don't let it take up precious space in your new home. It's time to sort through:

- Kitchen Appliances & Gadgets
- Tools
- Electronics
- Pet Supplies
- Decor
- Linens
- Furniture

DECLUTTERING TIMELINE: 1-2 MONTHS BEFORE YOU MOVE (CONT.)

- Toiletries
- Framed Photos & Wall Hangings
- Indoor Plants (trust me, they are no fun to move long distance)
- Clothing & Shoes

DECLUTTERING TIMELINE: 1-2 WEEKS BEFORE YOU MOVE

Within 1-2 weeks of your moving date, (ideally) everything should be decluttered, sold, donated, discarded, or packed. With the exception of a handful of daily use items, you should be living out of suitcases. Go ahead and declutter/pack up:

- Plates, Cups, Bowls (keep out 1 each per family member or pack them all up and use disposable products)
- Silverware (keep out one place setting per person)
- Pots & Pans (keep out enough for basic meals)
- Tupperware Storage Containers (keep out a handful, pack the rest)
- Dish Cloths/Towels (keep out 3-4)
- Medicine/Vitamins
- Cleaning Supplies (if you are moving a short distance, pack up a small box of cleaning supplies and keep them with you to avoid spilling)
- Bedding