Change of Address Checklist

Who to notify when you move, in the order that saves you trouble. Written for the US. Skip what doesn't apply, and add what's missing at the end.

Old address _____

New address _____

Moving day _____

Tip Start from a list, not from memory. Every login in your password manager is an account that may hold your address, and a search of your email for "statement" and "receipt" finds most of the rest.

The essentials 1 to 2 weeks before the move

Date done

- [ ] **USPS mail forwarding** _____
  usps.com/move. Start it on moving day. Forwards First-Class Mail for 12 months.
- [ ] **Utilities** _____
  Stop at the old home, start at the new. Electric, gas, water, trash, internet.
- [ ] **Employer and payroll** _____
  Before your last pay period at the old address.
- [ ] **Banks and credit cards** _____
  Every account, including savings and the card you only use for travel.
- [ ] **Insurance** _____
  Home or renters, car, life. Ask for a new quote and don't let coverage lapse.
- [ ] **Health plan, pharmacy and doctors** _____
  Check your plan covers your new doctors if you're changing areas.
- [ ] **Landlord or property manager** _____
  If you rent. Leave a forwarding address for your deposit.

Government Mail with deadlines

Date done

- [ ] **IRS** _____
  Form 8822, or put the new address on your next tax return.
- [ ] **Social Security** _____
  Your online Social Security account. Covers Medicare mailings too.
- [ ] **Driver's license** DEADLINE: _____ _____
  The deadline after a move varies by state. Check yours.
- [ ] **Vehicle registration** DEADLINE: _____ _____
  Usually the same deadline as your license.
- [ ] **Voter registration** DEADLINE: _____ _____
  Re-register at the new address. vote.gov has your state's deadline.

Money and accounts that bill you

Date done

- [ ] **Loans and mortgage**
  Student loans, auto loans, the mortgage servicer.
- [ ] **Investment and retirement accounts**
  Statements and tax forms go to your address of record.
- [ ] **Billing address on each card you pay with**
  Separate from your shipping address. A mismatch declines payments.
- [ ] **Recurring donations**
  Charities, a church, public radio. You'll want the receipts at tax time.
- [ ] **Magazines and newspapers**
  Forwarding stops after about 60 days, so tell each publisher.

Family and daily life

Date done

- [ ] **Schools and childcare**
  Ask the new district what proof of address they want.
- [ ] **Pediatrician, dentist, vet**
  Ask for records if you're switching providers.
- [ ] **Pet microchip and license**
- [ ] **Gym, library, clubs**
- [ ] **Friends and family**
  One message with the new address. Update your holiday card list.

Online accounts and subscriptions

Date done

- [ ] **Default shipping address at every store**
- [ ] **Subscriptions and subscription boxes**
  Meal kits, magazines, software with a billing address.
- [ ] **Food delivery and rideshare**
- [ ] **Phone carrier and the accounts behind your devices**

Others I found

Date done

- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

The cleanup 2 months later

Date done

- [ ] **Check what still arrives at the old address**
  Each piece is an account you missed. Update it and add it above.
- [ ] **Ask the new residents to hand your mail back to the carrier**