



**MAGNOLIA MOVING
PREPARATION GUIDE**

MOVING MADE EASIER



Ready to fly the coop? Let's get your home ready for offers with Magnolia's comprehensive moving checklist, organized by stage and category. When buyers are touring multiple homes, the ones that feel clean, well-maintained, and easy to understand are the ones that leave a lasting impression. Let's get your home photoshoot ready so it stands out from the moment it hits the market.

Getting Started:

Packing Supplies:

- Moving Boxes
- Large Garbage Bags
- Large Plastic Tubs
- Markers, Packing Tape, Scissors
- Labels or Masking Tape for labels
- Old towels, tissue paper, newspaper and bubble wrap for delicate items
- Ziploc bags for hardware, small parts, cords etc.
- Garment boxes

Touch-up supplies

- Wall patch or spackling compound
- Putty knife
- Fine sandpaper or sanding block
- Matching paint for touch-ups
- Small paintbrush or roller
- Caulking and caulking gun if needed
- Replacement lightbulbs
- Screwdriver set and hammer
- Furniture touch-up marker or wood repair pencil
- Magic eraser for scuffs on walls, trim, and doors
- Extra cabinet or drawer knobs if any are loose, broken, or mismatched
- WD-40 or similar lubricant for squeaky hinges or sticky doors
- New furnace filter
- Extra batteries for smoke detectors, thermostat and automatic locks
- Cleaning supplies, degreasers, window cleaner, dusters, hard water remover if needed
- Newspapers, bubble wrap, tissue paper

Staging your Home for photos and video

Entry, Hallways, Mudroom, Laundry Room

- Create an inviting entryway
- Remove seasonal shoes, coats and scarves in hallway closets
- Bare floors with a new minimal rug if applicable
- Remove personal or family photos from all walls
- Give your laundry area a deep clean if needed
- Put laundry soap or pods in a clear glass jar if desired
- Brooms, mops and cleaning supplies neatly arranged in mop closet
- Small lamps and picture frames in hallways, laundry room and entry create ambience

Kitchen and Pantry

- Go through canned, fridge, freezer and spices and remove expired goods
- Store away items you don't use everyday, such as china, mugs, Tupperware and crystal
- Create meals using items in kitchen and pantry for less waste
- Use unused kitchen towels for packing delicate items
- Store away pots and pans, utensils and silverware that you will not use daily
- Keep a running list of items you will want to replace in your new home
- Tidy up pantry for photos
- Stage kitchen with a small lamp, cookbooks, candle, florals and/or fancy water
- Set kitchen table or dining room table for photos

Bathrooms and Linen Closet

- Go through all bathroom products and keep, donate or throw away
- Use old towels, sheets and pillowcases to wrap delicate items
- Put extra bedsheets, linens, comforters, towels etc. in storage
- Organize linen closet, mop closet and all bathroom cabinets
- Make sure bathtubs and showers are not cluttered with products and very clean
- Stage bathroom with nice hand soap, towels, bathmat, shampoo, candle, bubble bath
- Give bathrooms and closet shelves and floors a cleaning
- Replace old shower curtains if applicable with something minimal for photos
(Busy patterns distract from the room in photography)

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Bedrooms

- If you have carpeting, it's a good idea to have them cleaned
- Vacuum well, many people are sensitive to dust (check behind beds and dressers)
- Clean out closets and stage closets so they are very tidy and hangers are spaced evenly
- Add a chair in the corner if needed for extra depth to room for photos
- Clean out nightstands and on top of nightstands
- If you have an extra comforter, add it in a duvet cover for extra height to bed
- If you can steam and starch your bed linens and pillows it helps a lot for staging
- Small lamps, candle, hardcover book for staging, glass carafe by bed is a nice touch

Living Room

- Clean blinds and windows for extra light
- Remove all clutter and personal belongings
- Hide all cords, routers, power bars, and small electronics wherever possible
- Dust and lint roll lampshades, pillows cushions, sofa
- If you have pets, put away dishes, beds, blankets etc for photos
- If you have a fireplace, it helps that is in good working order for photos
- Stage living room with coffee table books, vase, candle whatever you have on hand
- Plants in home always look nice and vibrant anywhere in the home
- Blinds are up for photos and tours, please ensure they work and are secure to wall

Garage, under stairs, attic, yard shed

- Clean out garage, keep equipment and tools out of sight
- If applicable, give garage floor a fresh coat of paint, it can really help with sale of home
- Make sure garage door is in good working order
- Clean garage windows to let more light in
- Go through storage in home, organize for tours, as people will look under stairs and garage
- Use suitcases to pack delicate items
- Lock up items in storage shed
- Put a lock on gate in yard if you would like extra security
- Ensure stairs to yard are in good shape for safety reasons
- Maintain outside of home, the better the curb appeal the more popular your home will be
- Remove clutter like pots and garden hoses from yard if not in use