

Genre 1: Moving Out To-Do List

Complete BEFORE end of the week of 05/15/23:

- ☐ buy boxes from Lowe's
- ☒ ~~buy packing tape~~
- ☐ look into Ikea moving bags (the big blue ones)
- ☒ ~~contact the landlord about checkout steps (paperwork, walk-through, security deposit, etc)~~
- ☒ ~~set up a date with movers/family members for help~~
- ☒ ~~start going through old clothes to donate (especially t-shirts, I have too many of those)~~
- ☐ cancel anything I'll be billed for accidentally when I move out (wifi, utilities, etc)

Next week (week of 05/22/23):

- ☐ begin boxing up non-essential books (I plan to keep 3 out just in case)
- ☐ bag up winter clothes (now that the rainy season is almost over)
- ☐ bag up blankets (again, another category of items I have too many of)
- ☐ separate my dishes and appliances from roommates' (see prior lists from move-in to determine what is mine, since I'm forgetful)
- ☐ gather any more non-essentials, box them up
- ☐ double check with movers/family about move-out date

Day before the move (05/27/23):

- ☐ box up all clothes and shoes except moving-day outfit
- ☐ make an essentials box
- ☐ pack laundry supplies
 - ☐ bins
 - ☐ soap
 - ☐ dryer sheets
 - ☐ color catchers
- ☐ box up non-essential bathroom supplies
 - ☐ rolling cart
 - ☐ shower curtain
 - ☐ toiletries
 - ☐ makeup bags
 - ☐ cleaning supplies

- ☐ box up all kitchen supplies (McDonald's is perfectly acceptable for moving day, no cooking necessary)

Day of the move (05/28/23):

- ☐ prepare bed
 - ☐ take off duvet, bag it
 - ☐ bag up extra pillows and any stuffed animals
 - ☐ put protective sheets on mattress (in case it gets dropped, a bird poops, etc)
- ☐ load
 - ☐ desk
 - ☐ bookshelf
 - ☐ dresser
 - ☐ boxes and bags (mentioned above)
- ☐ sweep floor
- ☐ mop floor
- ☐ check for any damages
- ☐ check out with landlord

A new adventure awaits...

Genre 2: Letter

Dear Mom,

As you know, the school year is coming to an end and the time is coming for me to move back home for the summer, specifically in two weeks. I would really appreciate having your help to get all of my furniture and boxes out of the house, since you have a large truck with a lot more room than my sedan. I have been making a to-do list of sorts (you know how much I love lists) to get things in order and make the trip as easy as possible.

On my plate this week, I want to go to Lowe's and Ikea for some boxes and other moving materials. I saw online that a girl really recommends the blue bags from Ikea because they zip up easily, carry a good amount of weight, and are easier than

boxes to carry up stairs. I am already writing an email to my landlord about moving out. I want to set up an appointment with her to go through paperwork and see if she wants to do a walkthrough with me after everything is moved out and clean. I really want my security deposit back!! Hopefully the small scratch on the wall by the door isn't too noticeable... I also need to start canceling my monthly expenses like gas and water. Knowing me, I will forget and end up paying them for the rest of my life without noticing. Another thing that is making this whole process hard: the amount of clothes I have managed to collect while living here this past year (oops). I enjoy a good thrifting day, but it looks like some of these t-shirts need to get donated back to someone who will actually wear them.

Next week, the real work begins...

I need to start with the heavy stuff: my books. I'll make sure to tape up those boxes really tight, I don't know what I'd do if my books fell out and got lost (probably cry, a lot). Now that the weather is getting nicer, I won't be needing my long sleeves, coats, or blankets, so I can start packing those up in preparation. What's going to be difficult is going through all my dishes and kitchen gadgets and separating them from my roommates' stuff. I've gotten so used to sharing that I don't really remember what I came here with! Luckily, since I love them so much, I have a list from a year ago that says all the things I moved in with!

When the night before the move comes, I'll have so much to stress about. I'm actually already worried about it, so hopefully writing this letter lifts some weight off of my shoulders. I already know exactly what I'm going to do, though. Anything that isn't in boxes will get done. This includes the rest of my clothes, anything left on my shelves, all of my bathroom stuff, and all my kitchen stuff. Hopefully by then I won't have any food in the fridge to worry about! On the actual day, I'm going to cover my bed with a throw-away sheet so that it doesn't get dirty during transport (imagine if a bird

pooped on it, ew). My real bedding will get packed away, of course. Then, I'll need you and the rest of the family's help loading the furniture from my room into the bed of the truck. I hope it all fits, but I measured everything and I think it'll be fine. The last thing to do will be to give everything a good wipedown, dusting, sweeping, and mopping. I want to leave the place looking better than when I moved in!!

I'm feeling bittersweet about all of this. I have made so many good memories in the past year. However, I am excited for my next adventure! Please let me know if you have any plans for the last week of May. I really could use your help!

Love,

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Genre 3: Infographic

(below)

TIPS FOR MOVING OUT

AS A COLLEGE STUDENT LIVING ON YOUR OWN, MOVING CAN BE STRESSFUL. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT CAN GET FORGOTTEN! HERE ARE SOME TIPS I HAVE GATHERED FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCES TO HOPEFULLY GET YOU STARTED AND MAKE THE WHOLE PROCESS EASIER.
GOOD LUCK!



01

Make a to-do list at least two weeks before you move out. Trust me, this will take some weight off your shoulders by allowing you to have a solid plan to stick to and make sure you don't forget little things .

02

Start with the basics. Think about all of the items in your home that you're not using on a daily basis. For example, are you really using that giant winter coat in the dead of summer? Start packing these things up now.



03

Make sure you have transportation and help arranged. Packing up your big furniture like couches, beds, dressers, etc. is technically possible by yourself, but you should really start calling friends/family/movers now.

04

The night before: set out an outfit for yourself, make a toiletry bag, and make a box of "essentials". This can include a roll of TP, paper dishes, your favorite book, etc. Include anything you'll need to find quickly in your new home.

