Your move, made simpler

Moving to California or another U.S. state? Use this free checklist to prepare and settle in.

Money + housing

- [ ] Compare specific cities and neighborhoods, including housing and commute costs.
- [ ] Budget for deposits, setup costs and surprises; choose a cash cushion that fits you.
- [ ] Visit at different times of day. Ask about parking, noise and what is included.

Family + daily life

- [ ] Confirm school assignment and enrollment with the district for your exact address.
- [ ] Check childcare availability, waitlists and pickup hours, if relevant.
- [ ] Test your commute and transit options. Check local weather and keep layers handy.

Before moving day

- [ ] Book movers or transport; confirm the quote, timing and access at both homes.
- [ ] Arrange utilities, internet and mail forwarding; update key accounts and deliveries.
- [ ] Keep documents, medications, chargers and a first-night bag with you.

Your destination state

- [ ] Verify destination-state requirements and deadlines using official agency websites.
- [ ] Check driver's license and vehicle registration steps with your state motor vehicle agency.
- [ ] Confirm health coverage dates, local provider networks and any enrollment deadline.
- [ ] Review how the move affects payroll withholding and move-year state tax filing.

Settle in / the Tomorrow Test

- [ ] Ask: "What needs to work tomorrow?" Choose one routine, such as your morning.
- [ ] List its essentials. Keep them where you use them. Try the routine and adjust.
- [ ] Find one local place or group to connect with. Give yourself time to feel at home.

STATE-SPECIFIC CHECK / Rules and deadlines vary. Confirm what applies to your move with your destination state, local agencies and coverage provider.

Choose your next useful step: set up the routine you will need first.