

Cheetah Crate KC Makes Packing Easy!



Cheetah Crates Moving Checklist

Look no further than this moving to-do list to make your moving experience smooth and easy. It details not only what needs to get done, but the right time to do different tasks to minimize stress.

This checklist will help you plan ahead properly and will ensure that nothing gets left behind or forgotten. After your move, this checklist can help you get your new house set up the right way, so you can get comfortably settled in and focus on building memories with your family.

Print it out, check every item off week by week, and at the end, you can look back and say, “Wow! Cheetah Crates KC sure made this move Cheetah Easy!”

Essential Supplies For Your Move:



Moving Truck

Cheetah Crate Packing Boxes

Bubble Wrap or Packing Paper

Upright Dolly or Lifting Straps

Protective Covers

Check List or Inventory List

Marker, Labels, and Zip Ties



Draw a Checkmark on the paw print to show that each item is completed.



Call (816) 343-8086 or go to cheetahcratekc.com for more information.



Planning Phase



Research or Visit New Neighborhood—Find Schools, Doctors/Dentists, Parks, Sports, Gyms, Entertainment/Amusement, Stores, Libraries, Work/jobs.



Budget Moving Costs—Moving truck, Cheetah Crates, travel insurance, gas, food, moving equipment rental, shipping costs, lodging, storage, professional cleaning services, maintenance and repairs, installation or utility services, child or pet care during move.



Strategize the Moving Process—Determine whether you want to DIY the move or hire a packing and moving company. Determine whether you want to rent a truck and equipment or whether to borrow from family or friends. Strategize how to move large items such as furniture, exercise equipment, appliances, and specialty items.



Research Moving or Shipping Companies—Decide if you need a local or long-distance moving company. You'll have to research specialty movers if you have things like a piano, upright safe, vehicles etc. Make a list of questions for each company.



Make a list of Moving Supplies—See list on previous page. You will also need a tool set for disassembly, trailers or ramps.




Create a Moving Binder—Use the binder to keep track of everything—all your estimates, your receipts, and an inventory of all the items you're moving.





Create a Floor Plan of Your New Home—Get an idea of what you'll need for your new home and how you want each room to look, so you can get rid of unwanted items and budget for necessary repairs or upgrades for your new home.





Prep Phase


 **Get Estimates From Moving Companies**—Do not rely on a quote over the phone; request an on-site estimate. Get an estimate in writing from each company, and make sure it has a USDOT number on it. This certifies that the company is registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation and bound by its safety standards.

 **Arrange Help For Your Move**—If you are doing a DIY move, you can arrange to have family or friends help in the packing/moving process. Arrange child care or pet care or use of truck, trailer or other equipment.

 **Schedule Your Cheetah Crates Delivery**—Go to our website, cheetahcratekc.com. Select your package size, and delivery date. Finish the order and you are ready to start packing.

 **Notify Important Persons of Your Move**—Start talking with your children about the moving process and what to expect. Notify work about the move and request time off if needed.


 **Arrange for Shipping or Storage Needs**—Arrange specialty shipping or storage for vehicles and other items during your transition to a new residence. Check with your insurance company to make sure items are covered in transit, or purchase storage or moving insurance.


 **Organize and De-Clutter**—Make an inventory list of your belongings and start separating out what you don't need anymore. Start in the garage, attic or storage areas.


 **Arrange to Get Rid of Unwanted Items**—Have a garage sale. Sell items on-line using Facebook Marketplace or LetGo. Donate them to a local thrift store or shelter.





Packing Phase


 **Take Measurements**—Check to make sure large or bulky items will fit through the door or around tight corners.


 **Schedule Your Moving Company**—Get written confirmation of your moving date, costs, and other details.


 **Start packing Your Cheetah Crates**—Wrap and pack each item using old towels, bubble wrap or packing paper for cushion. Close lid and seal with a zip tie. Label with black dry-erase marker. Use our printable room organizer to inventory items and crates.

 **Important Documents**—Make sure important documents such as: medical, dental, and veterinary records, school records, legal and financial records, personal identification and insurance records etc. are packed separately and kept with you during the move.

 **Electronic and Specialty Items**—Make sure to take pictures of electronic configurations and properly label disassembled parts on all electronics, gym equipment and other specialty items. Drain power equipment.

 **Use or Dispose of Perishable Items and Supplies**—Start using up or properly disposing of things like frozen or perishable foods, cleaning supplies, chemicals, pesticides, flammable liquids, and batteries.

 **Change of Address**—Alert the following of your move: USPS, banks, brokerage firms, tax agencies, Social Security Administration, your employer's human resources department, magazine and newspapers you subscribe to, credit card, insurance, and online delivery services like Amazon.

 **Return Items**—Return books to library, pick up dry-cleaning, cancel memberships or subscriptions that can't be transferred. Transfer prescriptions, medical and school records to new locations. Empty safe-deposit box.



Moving Phase



Transfer Utilities—Schedule the disconnection of utility services at your old home for the day after you move. If possible, include cable, internet, water, sewer, gas, electricity, satellite, security system, trash and phone.



Overnight Bag—Pack an overnight bag with clothes, medications, and toiletries to last for several days. Also pack a bag with important items like: chargers, computer/tablet, phone, keys, credit cards/checkbook, any pet items, travel snacks and drinks etc.



Finalize Travel Plans—Make a travel itinerary for moving day with planned stops for sleeping, eating, and fill-ups. Confirm or make reservations if needed. Make a back-up plan for emergencies or delays.



Defrost Freezer—If your refrigerator is moving with you, make sure to empty, clean, and defrost it at least 24 hours before moving day.



Vehicle Maintenance—Take your car to a garage and ask the mechanic to consider what services might be needed before you move. Make sure it has a full tank if driving it to a new location.



Final Clean-up— Deep clean each room starting from the top. Make sure to clean fan blades, vent registers, windows, blinds, door knobs, light switches, railings, toilets, sinks, mirrors, baseboards, carpets and floors. Dispose of all trash.



New Owner Info—Assemble a file of information to leave for the new owner of your home to include the deed, warranty info, owners manuals, codes and door openers, garbage schedule, list of quirks or where to find things, utility readings, and contact info for forwarding mail or items left behind.



Load Moving Truck or Personal Vehicle—Make sure to do a final walk through of the house to be sure everything is loaded.



Welcome Home!



Do a Complete Walkthrough—Assess what needs repairing. Make sure switches, outlets, appliances and important systems like furnace, water heater, security, H-vac, fuse box, smoke detectors etc. are working properly.



Unpack—Unpack and organize your belongings. Start with the rooms that are used the most like the bedroom, bathroom or kitchen. Unpacking can be messy. Clean as you go or after your done.



Connect Utilities—If possible, schedule the connection of utility services like water, electricity, gas and sewer for the day before you arrive at your new home. Also schedule the connection of cable, internet, satellite, and security system. Find out when the weekly trash pick-up day is.



Update Records— Update or renew your drivers license. Register to vote in your new location. Register your vehicles and get new plates if needed.



Change locks—Consider changing the locks since you don't know who else has a key given by the previous owners. You want to be safe no matter what.



Child/Pet Proof Your House—A few things to remember is to keep medicines and cleaning products out of reach or locked up. Secure unstable furniture. Secure electrical cords and cover outlets.



Make Friends—Meeting your neighbors can help you learn more about your community. Introduce yourself when you run into them, or you can even host a moving-in party for all neighbors!



CONGRATS!

YOU DID IT!