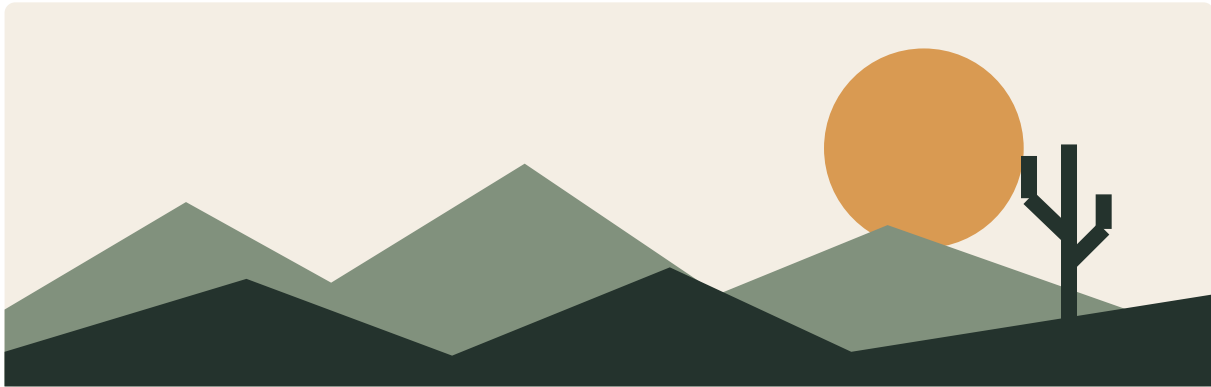


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Your Arizona Moving Checklist

A calm, practical timeline for planning the move, protecting the details, and feeling at home in the desert from day one.



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6-8 weeks before

Build the plan before the boxes take over.

- Confirm your target moving date and create one folder for estimates, receipts, contracts, and closing documents.
- Collect moving estimates and verify licensing, insurance, cancellation terms, and what is excluded.
- Sort room by room: keep, donate, sell, recycle, or discard before paying to move it.
- Request school, medical, dental, veterinary, insurance, and prescription records as needed.
- Create a valuable-items inventory with photographs and keep irreplaceable items with you.
- Research utilities for the exact property, including electric, gas, water, sewer or septic, trash, internet, and HOA contacts.
- If moving with pets, confirm travel needs, identification tags, microchip details, and Arizona heat precautions.

ARIZONA NOTE: Summer moves require extra planning. Protect medications, electronics, plants, candles, cosmetics, and other heat-sensitive items.

Key dates and contacts

2-4 weeks before

Turn the plan into confirmed arrangements.

- Schedule utility start and stop dates with a one-day overlap when practical.
- Submit the USPS address change and update banks, cards, employers, subscriptions, insurance, and important accounts.
- Confirm mover arrival windows, payment methods, contact numbers, parking, gate codes, and elevator reservations.
- Measure large furniture and confirm doorway, stairway, and room dimensions at the new home.
- Plan a clearly labeled first-night box with bedding, towels, toiletries, chargers, basic tools, paper goods, and cleaning supplies.
- Arrange care for children or pets during the busiest loading and unloading hours.
- Keep identification, closing papers, valuables, medications, and essential records out of the moving truck.

ARIZONA NOTE: Ask when trash and recycling are collected, whether containers stay with the home, and how bulk pickup works.

Moving week

Protect the handoff at both homes.

- Confirm every appointment and keep mover, agent, title, utility, and emergency contacts easy to reach.
- Photograph meter readings and the condition of both homes when appropriate.
- Pack water, sun protection, snacks, cooling towels, and a small emergency kit for every traveler.
- Label boxes by destination room and mark fragile or open-first items clearly.
- Before leaving, check cabinets, closets, attic or storage spaces, appliances, garage, yard, and outdoor sheds.
- Keep keys, remotes, access devices, warranty materials, and property information together for the handoff.

Your first Arizona week

Learn how your new home works before you need to know.

- Locate the main water shutoff, electrical panel, gas shutoff if applicable, fire extinguishers, and emergency exits.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace batteries if their history is unknown.
- Check HVAC filters, thermostat settings, irrigation schedules, visible leaks, and pool equipment if applicable.
- Learn HOA contacts and rules, trash days, parking rules, gate procedures, and community amenities.
- Update driver license and vehicle records within the timelines that apply to your move.
- Build a heat and monsoon kit with water, flashlights, batteries, first aid, power banks, and weather alerts.
- Save trusted local contacts for HVAC, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, pest control, and emergency service.

ARIZONA NOTE: *Never leave children or animals in a parked vehicle, even briefly. Interior temperatures can become dangerous very quickly.*

Welcome to your Arizona chapter.

Questions about an East Valley move? I am happy to help you get oriented, compare communities, and find a clear next step.

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