

MoveSmart Kingston Moving Day Checklist

Moving day goes much more smoothly when you know exactly what needs to be done — and when. Use this checklist to stay organized, reduce stress, and feel confident as you settle into your new home.

Before Moving Day

Complete these tasks in the days leading up to your move:

- Complete your final walk-through
- Confirm closing details, key pickup, and possession timing
- Confirm utilities and services are active at your new home
- Schedule moving company and confirm arrival time
- Reserve elevators or loading zones (if applicable)
- Pack a clearly labelled **“First Night Essentials”** box
- Set aside important documents (ID, agreements, keys)
- Take photos of valuable items before the move (for reference)
- Label boxes clearly by room and priority
- Dispose of or donate unwanted items
- Prepare cleaning supplies for both homes
- Arrange pet and child care for moving day if needed
- Charge phones, laptops, and portable batteries

Moving Day

Keep these items accessible and focus on coordination:

- Do a final walkthrough of your old home
- Turn off lights, lock windows and doors
- Take final meter readings if required
- Keep important documents and valuables with you
- Supervise movers and answer questions
- Direct boxes to correct rooms in the new home
- Confirm all items are unloaded before movers leave
- Collect keys, garage remotes, fobs, and mailbox keys
- Do a quick cleanliness and damage check upon arrival

After You Arrive

Focus on comfort, safety, and essentials first:

- Confirm water, electricity, heating, and internet are working
- Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms
- Locate electrical panel, water shutoff, and thermostat
- Change exterior door locks if planned
- Set up beds and bathrooms first
- Unpack essentials (toiletries, bedding, medications)
- Check appliances are functioning properly
- Take photos of meter readings (if applicable)
- Set out garbage and recycling bins for collection day
- Introduce yourself to neighbours if comfortable

First Week After Moving In (Optional but Helpful)

These items don't need to happen on day one — save them for later:

- Update your address with banks, employer, and subscriptions
- Confirm mail forwarding is active
- Register vehicles or update parking permits if needed
- Explore your neighbourhood and nearby amenities
- Schedule any planned service or maintenance appointments
- Review home warranty information (if applicable)

A Smart Move Starts With Preparation

Moving day doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Breaking the process into clear steps helps you stay focused and confident — from your final walk-through to your first night in your new home.

At MoveSmart Collective, we believe that smart moves are supported moves, and we're here to guide you every step of the way.