

MOVING TO SOUTH FLORIDA CHECKLIST

Step 1: Pre-Move Planning 3–6 Months Before Moving

Task	Notes / Tips
Research neighborhoods	Consider lifestyle, commute, schools, amenities. Check flood zones.
Budget for moving costs	Moving truck, movers, storage, packing supplies.
Set home buying budget	Include down payment, closing costs, HOA fees, property insurance.
Pre-approval for mortgage	Compare lenders, get pre-approved to streamline house hunting.
Plan visit trips	Schedule trips to tour neighborhoods and properties.

Step 2: 90–60 Days Before Moving

Task	Notes / Tips
Hire a local real estate agent	Preferably someone familiar with out-of-state relocations.
Start house hunting	Visit homes, attend open houses, and compare options.
Notify important contacts	Banks, insurance, subscriptions, healthcare providers.
Check school enrollment	If relocating with children.

Step 3: 60–30 Days Before Moving

Task	Notes / Tips
Make moving arrangements	Book movers, rental trucks, or portable storage units.
Schedule utility transfers	Electricity, water, gas, internet, cable.
Arrange insurance	Homeowners, flood, auto insurance in Florida.
Start packing non-essentials	Seasonal items, decorations, extra clothing.

Step 4: 30–7 Days Before Moving

Task	Notes / Tips
Confirm moving date	Verify movers, schedule elevator/facility reservations.
Pack essentials	Daily-use items, toiletries, chargers, documents.
Address change	USPS, banks, subscriptions, DMV for license and vehicle registration.
Prepare your vehicle	Maintenance check, plan route if driving.

Step 5: Moving Week & Arrival

Task	Notes / Tips
Final home walk through	Inspect new home, note any repairs or issues.
Unpack essentials first	Bedding, toiletries, kitchen basics.
Set up utilities	Make sure electricity, water, internet are active.
Explore your neighborhood	Locate grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals, and schools.
Schedule property inspections	Pest, roof, HVAC, if not done before closing.

Step 6: First 90 Days After Moving

Task	Notes / Tips
Meet neighbors & community	Join local clubs, HOA, or social groups.
Familiarize with local services	Emergency services, post office, banks.
Maintain home & landscaping	Schedule maintenance, pest control, and HVAC checks.
Review insurance & taxes	Confirm policies and budget for first-year costs.

Optional Budget Checklist for Home Buyers

Expense	Estimated Cost	Notes
Home Down Payment	10–20% of purchase price	Depends on mortgage type
Closing Costs	2–5% of purchase price	Includes taxes, fees, title insurance
HOA Fees	\$200–\$800/month	If applicable
Property Insurance	\$2,000–\$5,000/year	Varies by flood/hurricane risk
Moving Costs	\$1,500–\$5,000	Based on distance and services
Utilities Setup	\$200–\$400	Electricity, water, internet, cable



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