

The Mesa Moving Checklist

10 things most East Valley residents forget when planning a move

Hi, neighbor — Collins here from **Linkus Movers**. After helping families move and clear out homes across Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Tempe and Scottsdale, we noticed the same things slip through the cracks every single time. Here's the checklist we wish every customer had — **before** moving day. Whether you hire us or not, this should save you stress, money, and at least one trip back to the old place.

3 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

Get ahead of the things that take time

- 1 Declutter BEFORE you pack — not after**
Every box you move costs time and effort. Donate, sell, or haul away anything you haven't used in a year. Mesa rule of thumb: if it's been in the garage through one Phoenix summer untouched, it's not coming with you.
- 2 Schedule your movers OR your truck rental**
Spring (March–May) and end-of-month dates book up fast in the East Valley. Lock in your moving help at least 2–3 weeks out. Ask about insurance — and get it in writing.
- 3 Notify utilities, internet, and HOA**
SRP, Southwest Gas, City of Mesa water, your internet provider, and (if applicable) your HOA all need notice. Schedule disconnect for the day AFTER your move, and connection for the day BEFORE — so you're never without.

1 WEEK BEFORE

Tighten the loose ends

- 4 Label boxes on the SIDES — not the top**
When boxes get stacked in a truck, labels on top disappear. Side-labels stay visible no matter how things are loaded. Bonus tip: use a different color marker for each room. Saves hours when unpacking.
- 5 Pack a 'first night' box**
Toilet paper, phone chargers, basic toiletries, a change of clothes, snacks, medications, and a couple of glasses or mugs. Mark it clearly and load it LAST so it comes out FIRST. You'll thank yourself at 9 PM on moving day.
- 6 Take photos of your electronics' wiring**
Before you unplug your TV, router, or computer setup, snap a photo of the back. What looks obvious now will be a puzzle in 48 hours. Same for furniture you're disassembling — photo every step.

THE DAY BEFORE & MOVING DAY

Where most of the chaos actually happens

- 7 ■ Defrost the fridge & drain hoses**
Empty and unplug your fridge at least 24 hours before. Same for washing machines and dishwashers — drain the supply hoses or you'll have water all over the truck. Pro tip: run a final empty rinse cycle to clear them.
- 8 ■ Protect the floors — yours AND theirs**
Lay down old sheets, cardboard, or floor runners at both ends. Phoenix grit gets tracked in fast, and security deposits aren't worth the risk. If movers don't bring floor protection, ask. (We do.)
- 9 ■ Hydrate the crew — and yourself**
It's Arizona. Even in March, moving day is brutal. Have cold water bottles ready for everyone helping (movers, friends, family). Tipping movers? \$10–\$20 per crew member for a half-day move, \$20–\$40 for a full day, is the local norm.
- 10 ■ Final walk-through before you leave**
Open every cabinet, closet, drawer, attic hatch, and the garage. Check the patio and side yard. Look behind doors and under sinks. Take photos of the empty home for your records — protects your deposit and confirms nothing was left behind.

★ BONUS TIP — The one most people forget

Old furniture, mattresses, or a garage full of stuff you don't want to move? Don't load it onto the truck just to figure it out later. Get it hauled away **before** packing day. It's cheaper, faster, and you'll move into your new home with a clean slate — not someone else's leftovers.

Ready for the easiest move you've ever made?

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