



YOUR SWEET HOME ALABAMA

Planning the Move

From utilities and driver's licenses to vehicle registration and homestead exemptions — the order that actually makes sense.

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Your Alabama Moving Checklist

The paperwork is the easy part — here's the order that actually makes sense.

60-90 Days Before

For many moves, 60-90 days is a comfortable runway — earlier is always fine, and it can be compressed if needed.

- Finalize your target area(s) and start touring, remotely or in person
- Get pre-approved with a lender familiar with out-of-state buyers
- Research school districts if relevant, using primary sources rather than word-of-mouth rankings



30 Days Before

- Schedule movers or your moving method
- Begin utility transfer/setup for your new address (power, water, internet)
- Shop and secure homeowners insurance — do this well before closing, since lenders require proof of coverage and Gulf Coast/hurricane-exposed areas can take longer to quote
- Notify your current landlord or list your current home, if applicable

Moving Week

- Final walkthrough of your new home
- Closing (in person or remote, depending on your situation)
- Change your mailing address with USPS

After You Arrive

- **Driver's license:** Alabama law requires new residents to obtain an Alabama driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency. Verify current requirements with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) before your move.
- **Vehicle registration:** Alabama law also requires registering an out-of-state vehicle within 30 days of establishing residency, at your county's licensing office.
- **Homestead exemption:** File with your county tax assessor if the home is your primary residence — this can reduce your property tax bill and is easy to forget in the chaos of moving.
- **Voter registration:** Update or register if you plan to vote in Alabama.

I walk every client through this timeline personally — you don't need to manage this list alone.

A Quick Reference Timeline

When	What
60-90 days before	Finalize area, get pre-approved
30 days before	Movers, utilities, homeowners insurance, list current home
Moving week	Walkthrough, closing, USPS change
Within 30 days of arrival	Driver's license, vehicle registration



Let's Build Your Timeline Together

Every move is a little different — I'll help you build a plan that actually fits your situation.

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