

# Moving with Houseplants Checklist

## 2-3 Weeks Before Moving

### Assessment and Preparation

- ☐ Inspect all plants for pests and diseases
- ☐ If necessary, treat plants for pests
- ☐ Decide which plants to take and which to leave behind or give away
- ☐ Photograph valuable plants for insurance and identification purposes
- ☐ Research climate conditions of your new location
- ☐ Prepare space in vehicle for safe transportation

### Legal Considerations

- ☐ Research plant transportation regulations in your region/country
- ☐ Check restrictions on bringing plants into new area
- ☐ Obtain necessary documents/certificates (for interstate or international moves)

## One Week Before Moving

### Plant Preparation

- ☐ Stop fertilizing plants one week before moving
- ☐ Trim dry and damaged leaves and branches
- ☐ Tie up long stems and branches
- ☐ Remove plants from windowsills and place in less bright location

### Purchase Materials

- ☐ Cardboard boxes in various sizes
- ☐ Bubble wrap, newspapers, bags, soft fabric for wrapping pots
- ☐ Tape, labels, and markers for plant identification

## 1-2 Days Before Moving

### Watering and Packing Preparation

- ☐ Water plants moderately (soil should be slightly moist, not wet)
- ☐ Allow excess water to drain from saucers
- ☐ Secure pots with plastic wrap or paper so soil doesn't spill
- ☐ Prepare labels with plant names and care instructions

## Moving Day

### Plant Packing

- ☐ Pack plants last
- ☐ Wrap each plant in newspaper or bubble wrap
- ☐ Place plants in boxes with ventilation holes
- ☐ Secure pots so they don't move around

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- ☐ Mark boxes as 'FRAGILE PLANTS'
- ☐ Use supports and ties for tall plants

## Transportation

- ☐ Transport plants in car cabin, not trunk
- ☐ Avoid sharp turns and sudden braking
- ☐ Protect plants from direct sunlight and drafts
- ☐ Maintain moderate temperature in vehicle

## Immediately After Moving

### Placement in New Home

- ☐ Unpack plants first
- ☐ Place plants in shaded area for several days
- ☐ Check condition of roots and soil
- ☐ Remove damaged leaves and stems

### Initial Care

- ☐ Don't water plants immediately - let them adapt for 1-2 days
- ☐ Don't fertilize plants for first 2-3 weeks
- ☐ Maintain regular watering schedule and air humidity
- ☐ Gradually acclimate plants to new lighting conditions

## First Weeks After Moving

### Adaptation and Care

- ☐ Gradually move plants to permanent locations
- ☐ Watch for signs of stress (wilting, leaf drop)
- ☐ If necessary, repot plants in fresh soil
- ☐ Resume normal watering and feeding schedule after 2-3 weeks

### Long-term Measures

- ☐ Find local plant stores and nurseries
- ☐ Learn about local climate considerations for plant care
- ☐ If needed, purchase additional lighting or humidifiers

## Special Recommendations

### Large Plants

- ☐ Consider temporary pruning for easier transportation
- ☐ Use cart or helpers for moving
- ☐ Measure doorways and stairwells in advance

### Succulents and Cacti

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- ☐ Don't water for a week before moving
- ☐ Wrap spiny plants in thick paper or cloth
- ☐ These plants handle moves better than others

## Delicate Tropical Plants

- ☐ Minimize transportation time
- ☐ Maintain stable temperature
- ☐ Provide high humidity in box

## Safety

- ☐ Position plants so they don't block walkways or risk falling
- ☐ Check pot stability, especially for tall plants
- ☐ Consider toxic plants if you have pets or children