

Sacramento Holiday Moving Checklist 2025

Your Essential, No-Stress Guide for Moving Sacramento Holidays

1. Pre-Move Planning (2–6 Weeks Out)

- ☐ Compare & book licensed Sacramento movers
- ☐ Lock a midweek/early-morning time slot
- ☐ Confirm moving rates & flat-fee options
- ☐ Notify property manager / HOA
- ☐ Reserve elevator or loading zone
- ☐ Schedule USPS address change

2. Utilities & Admin

- ☐ PG&E setup + expected deposit (\$50–\$200)
- ☐ SMUD, water, trash & internet activation
- ☐ Update address for Amazon & delivery services
- ☐ Transfer renter/homeowner insurance
- ☐ Prepare important documents folder

3. Parking & Routing

- ☐ Request building or city parking permits
- ☐ Measure truck access points (gates, alleys, loading dock)
- ☐ Plan routes avoiding mall traffic (11 AM–6 PM)
- ☐ Share property manager contact with movers

4. Weather & Safety Prep

- ☐ Waterproof covers & mattress bags
- ☐ Plastic bins for electronics & textiles
- ☐ Floor protection (mats, cardboard, runners)
- ☐ Towels for drying rain-wet items
- ☐ Flashlights, gloves, warm layers

5. Holiday Packing System

- ☐ Color-coded boxes:
 - Red — gifts & holiday décor

- Green — kitchen essentials
- Blue — tech & cables
- ☐ Pack “holiday priority” items on top
- ☐ Protect fragile ornaments separately
- ☐ Prepare a pet essentials box

6. Free Supplies & Organization

- ☐ Grab free boxes from groceries & bookstores
- ☐ Declutter holiday décor before packing
- ☐ Label rooms clearly: Master • Living • Office
- ☐ Create a digital inventory

7. First-Night Essentials Bag

- ☐ Toiletries & medications
- ☐ Chargers & power strip
- ☐ Pajamas & warm clothes
- ☐ Snacks + water
- ☐ Basic cleaning supplies
- ☐ Key documents
- ☐ A small tabletop tree or decoration (to keep the holiday mood)

8. Kids & Pets

- ☐ Align move with local school breaks
- ☐ Pack comfort items for children
- ☐ Prepare insulated carriers for pets
- ☐ Set up “kids first” and “pet safe” rooms

9. Day-Before Checklist

- ☐ Confirm arrival time with movers
- ☐ Double-check parking clearance
- ☐ Charge phones & backup batteries
- ☐ Pack valuables in a separate bag
- ☐ Protect walkways if rain is forecast

10. Moving Day Essentials

- ☐ Keep keys and documents on you
- ☐ Meet movers & show access points

- ☐ Monitor weather & cover items quickly
- ☐ Photograph old & new home condition
- ☐ Stay hydrated and keep warm