

Miami Relocation Checklist

A family-friendly guide from Catherine Ronquillo, your trusted Miami Realtor

Before You Move

- ☐ Research Miami neighborhoods and school zones to find what best suits your lifestyle and family needs.
- ☐ Compare the cost of living across neighborhoods, including property taxes, HOA/con-do fees, and insurance.
- ☐ Get pre-approved for a mortgage and research local lenders familiar with Florida regulations.
- ☐ Contact a local real estate agent who specializes in relocation to Miami.
- ☐ Schedule virtual or in-person tours of potential homes and neighborhoods.
- ☐ Check for flood zones, hurricane evacuation routes, and insurance requirements.
- ☐ Create a relocation budget that includes moving, housing, travel, and initial setup expenses.
- ☐ Notify your employer, and arrange for job relocation assistance if applicable.

Packing & Planning

- ☐ Create a detailed moving timeline with key dates and deadlines.
- ☐ Declutter and categorize items to sell, donate, or dispose of before packing.
- ☐ Gather important documents like passports, insurance, home paperwork, school records.
- ☐ Book a reputable moving company or truck rental at least 4-6 weeks in advance.
- ☐ Label all boxes by room and contents for easier unpacking.
- ☐ Plan pet relocation update tags, microchips, and arrange safe travel.
- ☐ Transfer or cancel utilities, internet, and other services at your current home.
- ☐ Forward your mail with USPS and update your address with banks, doctors, and subscriptions.



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- ☐ Check for any needed repairs or installations in your new home.
- ☐ Unpack essentials first kitchenware, toiletries, bedding, and kids items.
- ☐ Register your vehicle and get a Florida driver's license within 30 days.
- ☐ Set up new utilities, Wi-Fi, security system, and any necessary services.
- ☐ Research local health providers, pharmacies, and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Visit your new schools and complete any enrollment paperwork.
- ☐ Attend neighborhood association or HOA meetings to connect with the community.
- ☐ Explore local amenities like parks, gyms, grocery stores, and libraries.

Bonus Tips

- ☐ Download local apps: Miami-Dade Transit, hurricane alerts, Nextdoor, and food delivery.
- ☐ Get familiar with Floridas hurricane preparedness plan and build an emergency kit.
- ☐ Join local Facebook groups or Meetup communities to connect and ask for advice.
- ☐ Keep digital and paper copies of home purchase/rental agreements and inspection reports.
- ☐ Schedule time to relax and explore Miami has a lot to offer from Wynwood murals to Coconut Grove cafes.
- ☐ Document your move-in condition with photos for rental or insurance purposes.



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