

South Shore Relocation Checklist: Your Ultimate Guide to Moving to Nova Scotia

Moving to Nova Scotia's South Shore is exciting – but a smooth transition takes good planning. Use this checklist to stay organized from your decision to move all the way through settling into your new home.

1. Pre-Move Planning (2-3 Months Before Moving)

Research South Shore communities: Explore Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Chester, Lunenburg to find your best fit.

Contact a local realtor: Find a South Shore specialist to guide you on market conditions and hidden listings.-I can help!

Arrange financing: Get mortgage pre-approval tailored to Nova Scotia regulations.

Visit the South Shore: Plan a trip to tour neighbourhoods, schools, and amenities in person.

Start decluttering: Begin sorting and donating items you won't bring.

2. Home Purchase and Closing (1-2 Months Before Moving)

Hire a home inspector: Schedule inspections for well water, septic systems, heating, and structural integrity.

Check road access and maintenance: Confirm who maintains your driveway and rural roads (especially important in snowy months).

Secure home insurance: Get coverage that includes coastal risks like flooding or wind damage.

Schedule utility set-up: Contact Nova Scotia Power, local internet providers, water (well), and septic services.

Plan your moving date: Choose a date that works best for you.

3. Packing and Logistics (3-4 Weeks Before Moving)

Book movers early: Book movers early to ensure availability.

Change your address: Notify Canada Post, banks, credit cards, insurance, subscriptions, and service providers.

Transfer medical records: Register with local doctors and dentists; arrange for prescription transfers.

Register children for school: Contact local school boards in Bridgewater, Lunenburg, or your new community.

Organize important documents: Keep property papers, IDs, insurance, and financial info handy.

4. Final Weeks Before Moving

Deep clean your old home: Leave it spotless for the next occupants.

Confirm utility shut-offs and startups: Ensure services at old home end on moving day; new services start at your new home.

Pack essentials box: Include weather-appropriate clothing, snacks, basic tools, and important chargers.

Prepare for rural living: Stock up on supplies if moving to a remote area (food, fuel, emergency kits).

Notify neighbours and friends: Share your moving date and contact info for a smooth handover.

5. Moving Day

Do a final walkthrough: Check for forgotten items and ensure all windows and doors are locked.

Supervise movers: Keep an eye on fragile or valuable items.

Collect keys and essential codes: Make sure you have access to your new home before arrival.

6. Post-Move (First Month)

Unpack methodically: Start with bedrooms and kitchen for comfort.

Set up heating and insulation checks: Set up heating and insulation checks to make sure your home is comfortable and energy efficient.

Meet your neighbours: Introduce yourself to build community connections.

Explore local services: Locate grocery stores, clinics, schools, and recreational spots.

Update your driver's license and vehicle registration (if applicable).

Register to vote in your new riding.

Bonus Tips for South Shore Newcomers

Prepare for coastal weather: Invest in storm windows, snow shovels, and seasonal home maintenance.

Join local community groups or Facebook pages: Stay informed about events and news.

Consider joining volunteer groups or clubs: It's a great way to make friends and feel at home faster.

Need Personalized Help?

Moving to the South Shore is a big step — and I'm here to make it easier. From customized home searches to insider tips on schools, healthcare, and neighbourhood vibes, reach out anytime!

Contact me today for your free South Shore relocation guide and start your next chapter with confidence!

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