

Your Hamilton Relocation Checklist

Here's a practical checklist to help make your move to Hamilton smooth, organized, and stress-free:

- Research Neighbourhoods Early:** Explore areas like **West Mountain** and **Ancaster** for suburban family living, **Stoney Creek** for lakeside value, and **Downtown Hamilton or Locke Street** for arts, culture, and walkability. Start your housing search at least two to three months before your move. Homes here can go fast.
- Compare Housing Costs:** The average home price in Hamilton ranges between **\$400,000–\$800,000**, while rent for a one-bedroom averages **\$1,800–\$2,000/month**. That's 25–40% cheaper than Toronto, giving you more space for less.
- Plan for Commute or Remote Work:** If you'll be working in the GTA, expect **45–60 minutes** by car or GO Transit. With new GO expansions, commuting to Toronto, Burlington, or Mississauga is easier than ever. Remote workers should confirm high-speed internet and a dedicated workspace before moving.
- Check School Options:** Hamilton offers strong public and Catholic schools under **HWDSB** and **HCDSB**, plus post-secondary options like **McMaster University** and **Mohawk College**. Register early for preferred schools or daycare programs.
- Understand the Climate:** Expect snowy winters and mild summers. Average highs reach **27°C in July** and **–5°C in January**, with plenty of sun. Keep a winter emergency kit and snow tires for driving safety.
- Explore Local Healthcare:** Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Healthcare anchor one of Ontario's strongest hospital networks. Register with a family doctor or walk-in clinic shortly after arriving.
- Get Familiar with Transit:** Hamilton's **HSR bus system** and the expanding **GO Transit network** make commuting simple. The upcoming **Hamilton LRT** will further connect McMaster, downtown, and East Hamilton.
- Embrace the Outdoors:** Discover over **100 waterfalls**, **11 conservation areas**, and **180 km of trails**. Popular spots include **Webster's Falls**, **Bayfront Park**, and the **Bruce Trail** for weekend hikes.
- Get Involved in the Community:** Join festivals like **Supercrawl**, **Summerfest**, or the **Carnival of Cultures**. Volunteer programs and community leagues make it easy to meet new neighbours and feel at home.

☐ **Hire a Reliable Mover:** Choose a trusted company with transparent pricing and guaranteed timelines. **MTS Moving** offers all-in quotes, certified weight verification, and in-house trained crews, no subcontractors, ensuring your long-distance move to Hamilton is safe, simple, and stress-free.

5 Things to Avoid When Moving to Hamilton

- ☐ Don't assume housing will wait. Competition is rising in top neighbourhoods.
- ☐ Avoid booking your move during peak summer weekends when GTA traffic is heavy.
- ☐ Skip movers with vague quotes. Insist on video-verified weight and written guarantees.
- ☐ Don't underestimate winter weather. Plan flexible move dates.
- ☐ Be wary of subcontracted crews. Only work with fully trained, insured movers.

Do Your Homework: Check for consistent 5-star reviews before booking. **MTS Moving** is top-rated across Ontario for reliability, transparent pricing, and on-time delivery. A trusted choice for your Hamilton relocation.

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