

Your Niagara Relocation Checklist

Here's a practical list to keep your move organized and stress-free:

Research Neighbourhoods: Compare Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines, Welland, Thorold, Niagara Falls, and Grimsby to find what fits your lifestyle and budget. NOTL offers upscale wine-country charm, while Welland and Thorold deliver family-friendly affordability.

Budget for the Cost of Living: Home prices and rents are typically **30–50% lower than Toronto**, but utilities, groceries, and gas are near provincial averages. Niagara remains one of Ontario's most affordable regions for buyers and renters alike.

Confirm Your Job Setup: Line up local employment or ensure your remote work arrangement is in place. Top industries include **tourism, healthcare, logistics, trades, and education**, plus a growing share of remote roles from the GTA.

Book Your Mover: Choose a mover with **transparent pricing, government-certified scales, and video-verified weights**. MTS Moving provides guaranteed quotes and no subcontractors; only trained, full-time crews.

Set Up Utilities: Arrange electricity, water, internet, and waste collection ahead of your move. Hydro One and local municipal services are the main providers.


Plan Transportation: Niagara is largely car-dependent, but **GO Train service** now connects Niagara Falls and St. Catharines to Toronto. Consider parking, tolls, and commute times if you plan to work in the GTA.

Prepare for the Weather: Expect mild winters, early springs, and warm summers perfect for outdoor living. Pack for four seasons and take advantage of Niagara's 1,800+ hours of annual sunshine.

Register Locally: Update your **driver's license, health card, and voter registration** soon after you arrive. Don't forget to change your address with banks, schools, and insurance providers.

Explore Lifestyle Perks: Visit **Niagara Falls, Niagara Parkway, the Bruce Trail, and over 90 wineries and breweries**. Enjoy year-round festivals, waterfront parks, and trails just minutes from home.

5 Things to Avoid When Choosing a Long-Distance Mover

- Avoid chasing the lowest price:** Unrealistically cheap quotes often hide extra fees and unreliable service.
- Never skip a written estimate:** Always confirm your quote in writing before moving day, verbal estimates can change.
- Watch for quote changes:** If you add boxes or furniture after your initial estimate, expect your final cost to adjust.
- Don't overlook coverage:** Ask for proof of coverage. MTS offers **\$1.50/lb insurance** for full protection.
- Be cautious with deposits:** Reputable movers ask for fair deposits and clear contracts; avoid anyone demanding full payment upfront.
-  **Pro Tip:** Check Google and Yelp for consistent 5-star reviews. **MTS Moving** is a trusted, top-rated choice for long-distance moves to Niagara and across Ontario.

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