

Planning a Move

Most people experience moving at least once. Whether you are moving down the road, across town or across the country, it can prove to be a challenging time. A well-organized and planned move can greatly reduce the stress involved in packing up and transporting a lifetime of belongings. A successful move can also be a wonderful way to start life in your new home. The following check list can help you stay organized.

6-8 weeks before your move:

- Reserve a rental truck or make arrangements with a professional mover
- Get packing supplies - tape, boxes, tissue paper, bubble wrap, markers
- Clean out closets, basement and garage. Have a yard sale or donate unneeded items to charity
- Advise post office of new address and effective date

Send change of address to:

- telephone company
- insurance company
- bank and credit card companies
- book and record clubs
- hydro, gas or oil
- cable t.v.
- Arrange to transfer your household insurance to your new home
- Arrange to have utilities disconnected (gas, cable, phone, hydro, security system)

Arrange to have utilities connected for new home

- get new telephone number
- ask about installation of phone jacks if moving to new construction home

2-4 Weeks before your move:

- Stop or transfer newspaper and other home deliveries
- Obtain school, medical and dental records
- Obtain veterinarian records for pets
- Reserve elevator if moving from an apartment

- Defrost freezer
- Return library books

A few days before your move:

- Complete packing. Make sure boxes are clearly marked with the room they will go in.
- Place important documents in a safe box that you will carry. Mark "Do Not Move" on the box. Move this box yourself.
- Prepare an open first box with basic kitchen and bathroom supplies, towels, bedding and hammer, screwdriver to set up furniture.
- Label keys for new occupants

Moving Day:

- Check all rooms and closets to make sure nothing has been left behind
- Turn down the thermostat
- Leave labeled keys with the landlord, solicitor or real estate agent
- Check that you have keys to every lock in your new home
- Make sure the utilities are on and working properly in your new home
- Show the movers where to put boxes and furniture
- Unpack your "open first" box.
- Set up your bed, unpack the kitchen and bathroom to help you feel at home

After your move:

- Change the address on your driver's license and car insurance

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