



Moving involves numerous different tasks. A checklist can help you remember what needs to be done and make moving less stressful.

### **Two months before you move:**

- Call different moving companies for estimates and budget for all moving expenses.
- Research the community you are moving to for schools, hospitals, etc.
- Gather all medical, dental records, prescriptions, and children's shot records.
- Collect all copies of legal and financial records.
- Call schools to have all records transferred to new school.
- Decide what valuables you will pack and which you decide to carry with you.
- Start purging home items to either sell in a garage sale, donate to charities, or keep.
- Order moving supplies and boxes you will need.
- Start packing things that aren't often used.
- Decide on your moving date.

### **One month before you move:**

- Submit a USPS change of address form and ask them to hold your mail at the Post Office in your new city.
- Submit an IRS change of address form.
- Confirm arrangements with moving company.
- Start packing and clearly label each box with its contents and room destination. If possible, take pictures or video record your belongings for unforeseen insurance claims. Record serial numbers of electronic equipment.
- Make any necessary travel arrangements with airlines, buses, car rental agencies and hotels.

- Transfer or cancel any memberships that aren't transferable to your new town.
- Obtain medical and dental records, x-rays, prescription and have transferred to new doctors and dentists.
- Fill any prescriptions you may need.
- Notify all utility services about your move (contact both old and any new ones to set up if not transferable) such as, Electric, Gas, Water, Sewage, Telephone, Cable/Satellite and Internet, and Trash Collection.
- Research your new city's rules and regulations affecting your business, profession or hobbies.
- Make arrangements for transporting pets. Make copies of their medical and vaccination records.
- Host a Garage sale to purge any other items.
- Consume all perishable food and items in open packages. There will be less to pack, spill, and spoil.

### **One To Two Weeks Before Moving:**

- Confirm travel reservations or have your car serviced if planning on driving to your new city.
- Arrange for help on moving day or confirm moving van company arrangements.
- Have appliances serviced for moving. Defrost freezer and refrigerator. Place a deodorizer inside to control any odors.
- Drain gas and oil from lawn equipment or gas grills.
- Clean rugs and clothing and have them wrapped for moving.
- Pack any essentials you would need to keep during moving including any important documents you prefer to hand carry.
- Check with your insurance company to ensure you will be covered through you homeowners or renters policy during your move.
- Notify family and friends of your new address and phone number.
- Give a close friend or relative your travel routes and schedule so you may be reached if necessary.

### **On Moving Day:**

- Double check every room (closets, drawers, cabinets), attic, and garage to be sure they are empty.

- Leave a note to the new owners of your old home with your new mailing address so they can forward any stray mail that may come their way.

### **After Arriving At Your New Home:**

- Renew your driver's license and registration if moving to a new state or country.
- If needed, shop around for new insurance policies, especially home or auto coverage.
- Locate hospitals, police stations, veterinarian and fire stations near your home.
- Pick up any mail you may have held at Post Office.
- Enroll children into new school.
- Check to see all utilities are in working order in home.
- Make sure appliances and electronics are in working order after unpacked.
- Begin unpacking and enjoy your new home!

***Ask your Realtor for more moving tips!***

