

Moving Checklist

Relocating? We've compiled a list of the important to-dos to take care of before and after you settle into your amazing new digs.

1 MONTH PRIOR TO MOVE

- Change your address with the post office.
- Change your address with the IRS.
- Hire a moving company or rent a moving vehicle.
- Transfer or get copies of medical records (and school records if you have children).
- Get referrals from your current doctor for new doctors in the neighborhood you'll be moving to.
- Update your insurance policies (home, auto, and so on).
- Check with your insurance company to see if your belongings are covered during the move.
- Cancel your plans with cable, telephone, newspaper, lawn, and home security companies.
- Change your address with magazine and newspaper subscriptions and creditors.

2 WEEKS PRIOR TO MOVE

- Cancel utility service for the day after your move date.
- Purchase packing supplies (boxes, tape, markers, and so on).
- Make travel arrangements on moving day and any special arrangements for small children and/or pets.
- Start packing, boxing items systematically and labeling them accordingly. If you can, type out a list of what general items are in each box so you have a master list. Set aside items you will need immediately and make a note to load this box last.

1 WEEK PRIOR TO MOVE

- Confirm reservation with moving company or rental truck company.
- Gather and set aside important documents (don't pack these – carry them with you during the move).
- Transfer prescriptions to your local pharmacy.
- Close/transfer bank accounts (if switching banks) and order checks with your new address.
- Send out change of address cards to friends, relatives, neighbors, organizations, and so on.
- Return items that don't belong to you (movies, books, and so on).
- Clean! (appliances, carpet, walls, and so on)

DAY BEFORE MOVE

- Take out cash to give as tips to the movers (if you hired).
- Buy bottles of water for you and anyone helping you.
- Pack the last of your items and leave out one small suitcase for your pajamas and toiletries

MOVING DAY

- Write down utility meter readings to check against final bill.
- Supervise movers (if you hired) and confirm final details (address, delivery time, and so on).
- Arrive at your new house before the movers do.
- Let a friend or family member know your travel plans.

AFTER YOU'VE MOVED

- Change your address with DMV – update driver's license and plates (if moving out of state). Allow about two weeks for arrival.
- Change your address with your employer.