

Welcome home.

#### **Moving Checklist**

(\*Suggested tips for making your move smoother)

## 2 Months in Advance

- If hiring movers, contact and choose a moving company. Get estimates and references from multiple companies.
- ☐ If moving yourself, contact and choose a moving truck rental company. Get estimates and references from multiple companies.
- ☐ Choose a storage facility (if not moving into your new home right away).
- ☐ Begin to remove clutter start with the basement, attic and garage.
- Start a file of moving paperwork and expenses. These costs can be taken as tax credits and deductions.

#### Get copies of records:

- ☐ Kids: School
- ☐ Family: Medical, dental, legal records
- **D** Pets: Veterinary
- ☐ Gather/organize important personal, family, and financial records/documents.

## 6 Weeks in Advance

- ☐ Schedule moving date/reserve truck.
- Dispose of items that can't be moved (paints, cleaners, propane & other flammables)
- ☐ Recycle old electronics, plastics, metal, papers, etc.
- ☐ Get antiques or valuables appraised.
- Order moving materials (if needed).
- Start to pack: seasonal clothing and other items not in immediate use.
- Clean out closets and drawers.
- ☐ Hold a garage or moving sale.
- ☐ Give items away to charity.

### 2-4 Weeks

Medical Care: Research new medical professionals for you and your family

- □ Doctor/Dentist
- Veterinarians
- Make travel arrangements for pets.

#### File change of address with:

- Credit card companies
- Subscriptions
- ☐ Clubs/Associations
- ☐ Send new address to friends/family members
- Complete change of address with post office: www.usps.com/umove/
- ☐ Transfer automobile registration and driver's license.
  - (out of state moves, see destination DMV site for details).
- ☐ Create an important info folder about your house for the next owner. Include your new address for mail forwarding.

Schedule stop of services for old property/start of services at new one:

- ☐ Utilities (electricity, water, gas, trash)
- ☐ Telephone
- ☐ Cable/Internet
- ☐ Cancel automatic bill pay set-up for the above services (if applicable)
- Contact insurance companies for moving coverage and to transfer policies to new location/home.

# 1 Week in Advance

- ☐ If using a mover: Confirm dates and time of packing and moving.
- ☐ If moving yourself: Confirm moving truck.
- Use up or give away food and supplies that cannot be moved.
- Confirm travel arrangements.

#### Pack a travel kit for you and your family members:

- ☐ Financial items: credit cards, cash, etc.
- ☐ Travel: Passports, birth certificates.
- ☐ Children: Toys, medications, books, clothing, car seat, stroller.
- Clothing/Personal Supplies: items needed during the move period
  (Medications, toiletries, valuables, firearms, paperwork).
- Pay any final bills.
- ☐ Transfer safe deposit box contents to new branch.
- ☐ Clear paths in the home to make it "move ready".
- ☐ Clear the surfaces of all furniture to be moved, and disassemble any items that can be.

## 1 Day in Advance

- ☐ Final packing/walk-through.
- Defrost freezer.
- Drain water hoses.
- ☐ Disconnect and prepare major appliances for move. (as applicable)
- Set aside items to travel with.
- Pack a box of items that will be needed first in your new home. Be sure to mark it "First Box/Load Iast" on the box.
- Confirm arrival of movers/truck.
- Confirm hotel or temporary accommodation if needed.

#### **Moving Day**

- ☐ Kids/Pets: Drop off kids/pets at pre-arranged care site.
- ☐ Clear outside walkway and driveway
- ☐ Confirm bill of lading and inventory before signing.
- ☐ Do a final clean of your old home.
- ☐ Be sure to have someone at old home during move-out.
- Check boxes and belongings. Note any missing items or damage.
- ☐ Supervise loading and unloading.
- ☐ Final walk-through of new home.
- ☐ Be prepared to pay the mover and have cash on hand to tip workers.

# In Your New Home

Let current professional support services know that you've moved:

- ☐ Accountant
- ☐ Attorney
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Financial Planner
- ☐ Health Insurance Provider
- ☐ Insurance Agent
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Bank/Credit Union
- ☐ Auto Finance company
- ☐ Home care service providers (gardener, cleaning service)
- ☐ Install New batteries in smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors.
- ☐ Re-key your locks.
- ☐ Register to vote

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