

HOME MOVING OUT CHECKLIST

- Start a file for all your moving out paperwork and receipts
 - Create an inventory of the items to be moved
 - Clean out, donate or sell items (and reduce the cost of the move)
 - Make moving company or rental vehicle reservations (see Home, Hiring Movers Checklist)
 - Hold a moving sale
 - Inform a close neighbor of your moving dates; suspicious activities can be reported
 - Involve your children in the move out process
 - Plan for temporary storage if necessary
 - Plan meals for last week and use up food items (refrigerated items, fresh fruit and vegetables, perishable items)
- Tip: If you plan to bring any fresh fruits or vegetables over state lines check restrictions*
- Arrange for a pet sitter
 - Arrange for transportation of pets to new location
 - Arrange for child care if necessary
 - Make travel plans for your move (hotel, flights, etc.)
 - Obtain permission to use elevator if living in an apartment or condo
 - Have vehicle serviced if driving a distance to new location
 - Return borrowed items
 - If packing yourself, obtain boxes and packing supplies
 - Supervise packing and how boxes are identified so they will be easier to find at the new location; if packing yourself, begin well in advance, keep out only the most necessary items and mark each box
- Tip: Load items that you will need immediately at your new place last on the truck*
- Tip: If you are moving into temporary housing, make sure items you will need are packed together and clearly marked*
- Pack travel kit
 - Items which are illegal for movers to take
 - Obtain rules for transporting firearms in all states you will be driving through
 - Put aside critical items like a checkbook, credit cards, personal phone book, ID, flashlight, keys, toiletries, tools, paper plates, cups, towels, travel alarm clock, aspirin, bandages and games for the kids; also, pack a suitcase with clothing and other personal items
 - Files you will need before you are unpacked at new home
 - Valuables you don't want the movers to take
 - Plants you are keeping (check restrictions on transporting to other states)
 - Dispose of flammables, corrosives and poisons SAFELY.
 - Leave owner's manuals on items remaining with home for new owners
- Know tax ramifications of moving costs (income or tax deductions)
- Tip: Company paid moves may create reportable income*
- Change of address with post office
 - Have cash on hand
 - Ask for referrals in your new area
- Tip: Moving during the school year gives your children the chance to make new friends before the summer*
- Send change of address notifications
 - Throw yourself (and your kids) a farewell party with friends and family
 - Conduct a final walk-through of the home after everything has been removed
- Records to obtain, transfer or close**
- Accountant
 - Bank accounts, financial institutions (including safe deposit box)
 - Beauty services
 - Cable/Satellite
 - Credit cards
 - Driver's license (find out if you will be required to take a test for new location and obtain materials to study)
 - Drycleaner
 - Friends & family
 - Health clubs
 - Home cleaning company
 - Human Resources at work
 - Insurances (what affect will new home and area have on policies; what additional insurance might be required)
 - Lawn services
 - Lawyer
- Tip: If you have a will or other documents verify whether any changes will need to be made to comply with your new state's laws.*
- Loans
 - Medical (doctors, dentists, hospital) (Cancel any future appointments if moving out of the area)
 - Newspapers and magazines
 - Pest services
 - Phones
 - Prescriptions (and fill in advance of move)
 - Professional memberships
 - Schools
 - Social Security Administration (and other government administrations)
 - Tax bureaus
 - Subscriptions (newspapers, magazines)
 - Utilities (water/sewer, electricity, gas) (have meters read on move-out day)
 - Vehicle licensing
 - Veterinary
 - Voter's registration
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