

Moving Tips: *Your guide to a successful move!*

6-8 Weeks Before Your Move

◆ Contact your choice of moving companies to begin the quote process for the movement of your household goods.

◆ Determine which items you wish to take to your new residence. Items that you don't need should either be donated to charity or sold at a garage sale.

◆ If you plan on packing your own items, start collecting suitable packing supplies.

◆ Create a floor plan for the new residence that will ease the stress of making decisions once the furniture arrives.

◆ Now is the best time to make your travel arrangements (hotel, flights, car rental, etc.).

◆ Keep all receipts for moving related expenses in a designated moving folder. **Many moving expenses are tax deductible.**

◆ Insurance, medical and dental records should be placed in a safe, accessible place. Also include prescription and vaccination records. Plan on taking all vital documents such as: wills, stock certificates and other one-of-a kind items (jewelry, coin collection, photos, etc.) separately.

4-5 Weeks Before Your Move

◆ Contact your Moving Company and schedule your move date – it is always easier to change your move date than to schedule at the last minute.

◆ Fill out a U.S. Postal change of address form.

◆ Close any local charge accounts. Since you will want to have your utilities still connected on moving day, arrange to have them disconnected after you are moved out.

◆ Take care of odds and ends. If necessary, arrange for a baby sitter on moving day. Also, remember to collect items that are being cleaned, stored or repaired.

Questions? Call: 877-OWN-HOUSE

2-3 Weeks Before Your Move

◆ Do you have power? Call ahead to have utilities connected at your new home.

◆ Make final packing decisions. Start packing items you don't use often.

◆ Clean and clear your home, including basements and attics.

◆ Call your bank to find out how to transfer your bank accounts. Each year people move without clearing out their safety deposit boxes. Don't be another statistic. If you've hidden any valuables around the house, be sure to collect them before leaving.

◆ Dispose of flammable items such as fireworks, cleaning fluids, matches, acids, chemistry sets, aerosol cans, paint, ammunition and poisons such as weed killer.

◆ Drain all the oil and gasoline from your lawn mower and power tools to ensure safe transportation.

1 Week Before Your Move

◆ This is the time to tie up any loose ends. Check through this guide to make sure you haven't missed anything.

◆ Pack your suitcases and confirm your family's travel arrangements (flights, hotel, rental cars, etc.). Try to keep your plans as flexible as possible in the event of a change of schedule.

◆ Contact your Moving Company and make sure the movers have the address and phone number where you can be reached if you are not going directly to your new home.

◆ At least one day before moving, empty, defrost and clean your refrigerator and freezer. If necessary, prepare your stove to be moved. Try using baking soda to get rid of any odors.

Prepare your "First night survival kit"

These are great items to have along throughout your move to keep everyone as comfortable and happy as possible.

Checklist:

Food/Kitchen supplies

- ◆ Snacks, sandwiches
- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ Plastic plates, cups, Utensils
- ◆ Can opener
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Garbage bags

Toiletries

- ◆ Toothbrushes, tooth Paste
- ◆ Soap, shampoo
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ Contact lens case, Solution
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Hygiene products

Medication

- ◆ Prescription Medicine
- ◆ First aid kit, bandages, peroxide

Tools

- ◆ Flashlights
- ◆ Candles, matches
- ◆ Screwdriver
- ◆ Pliers
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Light bulbs

Pet's items

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Leash
- ◆ Water dish
- ◆ Any medication

Clothing

- ◆ Clothing for a few days
- ◆ Sleeping bag, Blankets

Children's items

- ◆ Baby food
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Favorite toys

◆ Confine your pets to an out-of-the-way room to help keep them from running away or becoming agitated by all of the activity.

◆ To prevent possible damage, televisions, stereos, computers, other electronic equipment and major appliances should not be used for 24 hours after delivery, allowing them time to adjust to room temperature.

You can't move that!

Here is a partial list of common household items movers will NOT ship

Acid
Aerosols
Ammonia
Ammunition
Batteries
Car batteries
Charcoal
Charcoal lighter fluid
Chemistry sets
Cleaning fluid
Cooking fuel
Fertilizer
Fireworks
Frozen foods
Gasoline

Kerosene lamp oil
Liquid bleach
Loaded weapons
Matches
Motor oil
Nail polish remover
Open foods
Paints, paint thinner
Pesticides
Plants
Poisons
Pool chemicals
Produce
Propane tanks
Weed killer

Move Day

◆ Strip your beds, and make sure the bedding goes into a "Load Last" box. You may want to clean before the furniture is unloaded, ensure the vacuum is packed last.

◆ Make sure to have an adult authorized and present while the movers are there.

◆ Accompany the driver as he or she inspects and tags each piece of furniture with a number. These numbers, along with a detailed description of your goods and their condition at the time of loading, will appear on the inventory.

◆ It is your responsibility to see that all of your goods are loaded. Do not sign any releases without doing a thorough home inspection.

After the Move

◆ Got power? Check to make sure the utilities have been connected, and follow up on any delays.

◆ Make sure your phone is connected. Ideally, The phone company should hook it up the day before move-in day.

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