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Moving Day Countdown

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6-8 Weeks Before Your Move

What items will make the trip?

Now is the time to 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. You may consider teaming up with your neighbors who want to sell some of their belongings, and plan a neighborhood "sale".

Boxes, tape, packing paper

If you plan on packing your own items, start collecting suitable packing supplies. You can purchase all these materials from any van line agent or a moving supply company. The boxes you purchase should be specially designed for moving household goods to prevent damage to your belongings.

Everything has a place

Think about the layout of your new residence and where you'll place the furniture. Create a floor plan that will ease the stress of making decisions once the furniture arrives.

What's it like where you are moving to?

Get familiar with your new community. Request information on schools, community programs, parks and recreation from the local Chamber of Commerce.

Will you be needing any travel arrangements?

Now is the best time to make your travel arrangements (hotel, flights, car rental, etc.). Try to keep your travel plans flexible to accommodate any last-minute changes or delays.

Save your receipts

Keep all receipts for moving-related expenses in a designated moving folder. Many moving expenses are tax deductible. Obtain an IRS Change of Address form (Form 8822), by calling (800) 829-1040 or go to www.irs.gov. You can download and print Form 8822 and most other IRS tax forms; e.g. (Form 3903) to help deduct moving expenses.

Records and valuables

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.

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4-5 Weeks Before Your Move

Apartment or condo

If you live in an apartment or condo complex, contact your property or building manager and inquire about scheduling your move date and time. Certain buildings may have date and/or time restrictions as to when moving can be done.

Are you set?

Contact your mover and schedule your move date – it is always easier to change your move date than to reschedule at the last second.

Postal Service

Fill out a US Postal change of address form.

Odd and ends

Close any local charge accounts.

Notify insurance companies of your move and transfer all insurance on your home and possessions. Contact utilities for disconnection or transfer and possible refunds. Since you will want to have your utilities still connected on moving day, arrange to have them disconnected after you are moved out. If necessary, arrange for a babysitter to watch your children on moving day. You may need someone to keep your children occupied so that they remain safe during the loading process. While sorting through your belongings, remember to return anything else you have borrowed. Remember to collect items that are being cleaned, stored or repaired.

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2-3 Weeks Before Your Move

Do you have power?

Call ahead to have utilities connected at your new home.

What about packing?

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

Remember the unseen places

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

Bank accounts

Call your bank to find out how to transfer your bank accounts.

Got any safety deposit boxes lying around?

Each year people move without clearing out their safety deposit boxes. Don't be another statistic.

Secret hiding spots

If you've hidden any valuables around the house, be sure to collect them before leaving.

A reminder about moving plants

Some state laws prohibit moving house plants. Consider giving your plants to a friend or local charity.

Miscellaneous stuff

Plan meals that will use up the food in your refrigerator and freezer.

Have your automobile serviced if you're traveling by car.

Transfer all current prescriptions to a drugstore in your new town.

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. Refer to your owner's manual for specific instructions.

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1 Week Before Your Move

Loose ends

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

Confirm travel arrangements

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.

Your new address

Contact your personal Move Counselor 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.

Clean out the fridge

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 1st night survival kit"

This kit can contain items such as snacks, beverages and games for the kids to keep them occupied during the move. If you are stopping overnight be sure to pack essentials you'll need while your belongings are in transit.



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Move Day

Bedding

Strip your beds, and make sure the bedding goes into a "Load Last" box.

Are they here yet?

Make sure you are on hand when the movers arrive. It's important to have an adult be authorized to take your place if you are unable to be present at any time while the movers are there. Let the agent know to whom you have given this authority.

Spend time with the movers

Always try to spend as much time with the mover as possible. If you have special instructions make sure it is explained to your mover. Communicate well with the movers.

They've arrived!!!

Once the van operator arrives, review all details and paperwork. Accompany the driver as he or she inspects and tags each piece of furniture with an identifying number. These numbers, along with a detailed description of your goods and their condition at the time of loading, will appear on the inventory.

Are they done yet?

It is your responsibility to see that all of your goods are loaded, so remain on the premises until loading is completed. To insure that nothing gets left behind always do a final inspection of the premises. Do not sign any releases without completing this inspection.

Where is a vacuum when you need it?

Since you'll probably want to clean before the furniture is unloaded, make sure your vacuum is packed last, so it can be unloaded first.

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After Your Move

Got power?

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

Do you have a connection?

Make sure your phone is connected. Ideally, the phone company should hook it up the day before move-in day. Make sure you select a cable, DSL, dish company if you need.

Where are the pets?

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.

Note: *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.*

