

Moving Checklist

Looking for a seamless move? Lower the stress with smart planning and our helpful hints.

6 to 8 weeks prior:

- Purchase or rent moving supplies: tape, markers, scissors, box cutter, packing paper, moving pads, plastic storage bins, wardrobe boxes.
- De-clutter. Moving is a great opportunity to purge. Have a garage sale to clear out unwanted items and plan accordingly. Consider donating unwanted items.
- Keep a detailed record of all moving expenses. Your costs (and donations) may be tax deductible depending on the reasons for your move.

2 weeks prior:

- Hire a reputable mover or rent a moving truck. Be sure to get referrals or references, check with the Better Business Bureau, get estimates and purchase moving insurance.
- Two weeks before moving day, contact your telephone, electric, gas, cable/satellite, refuse and water companies to set a specific date when service will be discontinued. Contact utilities companies in your new town about service start dates, including Internet and telephone services.
- Notify healthcare professionals (doctors, dentists, veterinarians) of your move and ask for referrals and record transfers.
- Register children for school and ask for school records to be transferred.
- Notify lawn service, cleaning and security companies when service should be terminated.
- Advise the post office, publications and correspondents of change of address and date of move.
- Check your homeowners' insurance and make arrangements for new coverage.

Moving day:

- Have tools handy for breaking down beds and appliances.
- Give every room a final once over. Don't forget to check the basement, yards, attic, garage and closets.
- Have the final payment for the movers and money for a tip.
- Don't forget to check in with your local CENTURY 21® Agent – he or she may be able to provide useful local advice and/or referrals.



TIP:

Move valuables (jewelry, legal documents, family photos and collections) yourself – don't send them with the moving company. Make sure you have a complete home inventory of all your possessions.