

Moving Day Countdown

8 Weeks Before the Move

- Contact a professional mover or truck rental and get estimates: make early reservations.
- Decide what furniture stays and what furniture goes.
- Use up things that cannot be moved (frozen food & flammable household aerosol cleaning supplies)

6 Weeks Before the Move

- Inventory your possessions and determine what will be sold or donated.
- Get copies of records from doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, etc.
- Transfer children's school records.

4 Weeks Before the Move

- Hold a garage sale then arrange for storage, if you need it.

3 Weeks Before the Move

- Assemble package materials: dolly, scissors, packing tape, bubble wrap, newspaper, rope, boxes, etc.
- Begin packing items you won't need
- Arrange cancellation of utilities at old home and have them installed at the new home.
- Make travel and hotel reservations.
- Get car license, registration, and insurance in order.

2 Weeks Before the Move

- Transfer bank account and cancel direct deposit or automatic payments on account you are closing.
- Make special arrangements for moving pets. Consult your Veterinarian for tips on making the move easier.
- Get your car checked and serviced for the trip.

1 Week Before the Move

- Transfer all medical prescriptions to the pharmacy in your new location.
- Return library books and videos, send out dry-cleaning and pick up after the move.
- Finish major packing, labeling boxes by contents and room destinations.

2 or 3 Days Before the Move

- Defrost refrigerator
- Have cash on hand
- Pack a weekend bag in case of delay
- Pack a 'first day handy items' box: scissors, utility knife, coffee cups, tea kettle, paper plates, paper towels, instant coffee, tea, soft drinks, water, soap, pencils, paper, local phone book, bath towel & toiletries kit.

Moving Day

- Pick up rental truck early.
- Inspect basement, attic, and garage.
- Turn off water, lock all doors and windows
- List every item loaded onto the truck to use for a check list as they come off.