

MOVING TIPS

The key to a successful move is to start planning ahead; at least 8 weeks in advance. Below is a checklist to help make your move as smooth and seamless as possible.

TIPS FOR CHOOSING A MOVER

- Spend as little as possible while making sure you are choosing a moving company with proper equipment and strong experience. Be sure to ask for references.
- Get estimates in writing.
- Don't forget about potential discounts dependent upon your occupation or organizations you belong to.
- Confirm credentials – movers should be licensed/bonded, should also have workman's compensation insurance.

MOVING COUNTDOWN

8 weeks before the move

- If moving alone, be sure to get estimates and reserve a truck in advance.
- If using a moving company, get estimates and make decision as early as possible.
- Draw out a floorplan of new home and decide which furniture will stay and which will go.
- Use up as much of the things that can't be moved to your new residence.

6 weeks before the move

- Discuss with movers: costs, insurance, packing, loading, delivery and claims procedure.
- Make inventory of all possessions; decide on what can be sold/given away to charity.
- Gather copies of all records from doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, etc.
- Be sure to arrange for transfer of children's school records.

4 weeks before the move

- If having the movers pack for you, be sure to arrange this to occur at least 2 days before they begin loading the truck,
- Arrange for storage, if necessary.
- Repair any and all furniture, carpets, drapery, etc., if needed.
- Organize and hold garage sale prior to move.
- If moving by yourself, be sure to determine how many boxes you will need.
- Also, be sure to figure out what size truck will be needed to hold the number of boxes you will be using and large furniture pieces.

3 weeks before the move

- Gather and assemble all necessary packing materials:
 - Nylon string & rope
 - Furniture pads
 - Packing tape
 - Crumpled newspaper
 - Bubble wrap
 - Scissors
 - Styrofoam peanuts
 - Utility knife
 - Boxes
 - Labels
 - Markers
- Pack all items that won't be in use prior to move.
- Arrange to cancel utilities/services at current home and have them installed at new residence.
- Make hotel reservations if needed.
- Gather car license, registration and insurance.

