

Countdown to Moving Day



Organization is the key to a low-stress, efficient move into your new household. Use this list to schedule details in advance of your closing date that will contribute to an orderly moving day with as few surprises as possible.

One Month Before the Move:

- Get estimates from moving companies, make a reservation with your choice
- Contact your bank, arrange transfer of accounts
- Give new address to credit card companies
- Submit change-of-address forms to the U.S. Postal Service
- Change your address on magazine subscriptions
- Contact your doctors. Get referrals for new physicians
- Change your property, auto and medical insurance policies

Two Weeks Before the Move:

- Confirm with your Mortgage Professional that closing is on schedule
- Hold a garage sale to get rid of the things you don't want to take
- Arrange for disconnection and changeover of utilities
- Begin packing things that aren't used on a daily basis. Label every box
- Assemble all personal documents, licenses, certificates, records, etc., in a fireproof box
- Inform friends and relative of your new address

One Week Before the Move:

- Make a list of all items you are going to move personally, including jewelry and other personal valuables
- Confirm arrangements and dates with the moving company
- Pack yard and garden tools. Dispose of flammable items
- Set aside a box of cleaning supplies

One to Two Days Before the Move:

- Finish all financial matters relating to the sale or lease of your home
- Clean and defrost the refrigerator
- Purchase traveler's checks, if needed
- Finish packing all your belongings. Have payment ready for your movers
- Set aside food for meals and snacks on moving day

Moving Day:

- Confirm delivery address, directions, and delivery date with movers
- Supervise movers and make sure their inventory is accurate
- Check thermostat. Make sure doors are closed and locked and appliances are turned off
- Leave keys with new owners
- Complete final walk-through to make sure nothing is left behind
- Make sure your real estate agent knows how to contact you

Arrival Day:

- Tell movers which items go in which rooms
- Review bill of lading, make sure nothing is damaged before you sign off on the move
- Check all utilities and locks are functioning
- Let family and friends know you have arrived safely
- Begin unpacking necessities like kitchenware and bathroom supplies
- Celebrate and enjoy your new home!