

Moving Checklist

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Address Change

- Give Post Office forwarding address
- Charge accounts, credit cards
- Subscriptions: Notice requires several weeks
- Friends and relatives

Bank

- Transfer funds, arrange check-cashing in new city
- Arrange credit references
- Obtain certified or cashier's check necessary for closing real estate transaction

Insurance

- Notify company of new location for coverages: Life, Health, Fire & Auto

Utilities

- Cancel and arrange final payment for gas, electric, water, telephone, cable and sanitary
- Get refunds on any deposits made

Delivery Services

- Laundry, newspaper; transfer services

Medical, Dental & Prescription Histories

- Ask doctor and dentist for referrals; transfer needed prescriptions, eyeglasses, X-rays; obtain birth records, medical records, etc.

Pets

- Ask about regulations for licenses, vaccinations, tags, etc.

AND DON'T FORGET TO:

- Empty freezer; plan use of foods
- Defrost freezer and clean refrigerator; place charcoal to dispel odors
- Have appliances serviced for moving
- Remember arrangements for TV and antenna
- Clean rugs or clothing before moving; have them moving-wrapped
- Check with your moving company; labor, insurance coverage, packing and unpacking, arrival day and time, shipping paperwork, method and time of payment

- Plan for special care needs of infants or pets
- Close/transfer bank accounts
- Close/transfer health, golf, etc. club membership

AND ON MOVING DAY:

- Carry enough cash or traveler's checks to cover cost of moving services and expenses until you make banking connections in new city
- Carry jewelry and documents yourself; or use registered mail
- Plan for transporting of pets; they are poor traveling companions if unhappy
- Carry traveler's checks for quick, available money
- Let a close friend or relative know route and schedule you will travel including overnight stops; use him or her as message headquarters
- Double check closets, drawers, shelves to be sure they are empty
- Leave all old keys needed by new tenant or owner with real estate agent or neighbor

AND AT YOUR NEW ADDRESS:

- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, cable, water and sanitary
- Check pilot light on stove, hot water heater and furnace
- Have appliances checked
- Ask mailman for mail he may be holding for your arrival
- Have new address recorded on driver's license
- Visit city offices and register for voting
- Register car within five days after arrival in state or a penalty may have to be paid when getting new license plates
- Obtain inspection sticker and transfer motor club membership
- Apply for state driver's license
- Register family in your new place of worship
- Register children in school
- Arrange for medical services; doctor, dentist, veterinarian, etc.