

HELPFUL TIPS FOR *The Move*

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 can't 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.
- Get change of address kit from post office and start filling out the cards.

4 Weeks Before the Move

- Hold a garage sale, then arrange for storage if you need it.
- Clean or repair any furniture, curtains, or carpet.

3 Weeks Before the Move

- Assemble packing materials; dolly, scissors, packing tape, bubble wrap, newspaper, rope, boxes, etc.
- Begin packing items you won't need.
- Arrange cancellation of utilities at the 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 accounts and cancel direct deposits or automatic payments on accounts you are closing.
- Make special arrangements for moving pets. Consult your veterinarian for tips on making moving 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 destination.

2 or 3 Days Before the Move

- Defrost refrigerator.
- Have cash in hand.
- Pack a weekend bag in case of delay.
- Pack a "first day handy items" box: scissors, utility knife, coffee cups, kettle, paper plates and towels, coffee, beverages, soap, pencil, paper, local phone book, bath towels, toiletries kit, light bulbs, surface cleaner and toilet paper.

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 as a checklist when they come off.

