

Moving



Checklist

8 Weeks Before

- Call moving companies for estimates.
- Remove and dispose of unwanted possessions.
- Start compiling an inventory of your belongings
- Decide which furnishings you want to keep and which room they will go in.
- Start a file of moving-related papers and receipts.
- Search for schools, healthcare professionals and hospitals in your new location.
- Arrange to transfer your children's school records and family medical records.

6 Weeks Before

- Secure off-site storage, if needed.
- Choose a mover and negotiate a contract.
- Contact your homeowner's insurance agent about coverage for moving and secure more, if necessary.
- Contact insurance companies (auto, homeowner's, medical, and life) to arrange for coverage in your new home

4 Weeks Before

- Create a file of important papers, such as auto license, registration documents and title; any medical, dental and school records; birth certificates; wills, deeds, stock certificates, and other financial documents.
- Notify the following of your change of address:
 - * Post office
 - * Banks
 - * Credit card companies
- Relatives and friends
Insurance agent, lawyer, tax/financial advisor
- Notify utility companies of date to discontinue/transfer service and/or establish service at your new home.
- Arrange final readings and bills, and refunds on prepaid services.
 - * Electric
 - * Internet service
 - * Natural gas
 - * Telephone
 - * Television
 - * Trash collection
 - * Water
- For apartments, arrange the refund of your security deposit.
- Discontinue additional home services (housekeeper, gardener/lawn service, snow removal, and pool cleaner)
- Give away or use items you can't take with you, such as perishables

3 Weeks Before

- Make travel plans, if necessary.
- Arrange to close existing bank accounts and open new accounts in new area
- Arrange for child care on moving day.

2 Weeks Before

- Arrange special transport for your pets and plants.
- Contact moving company and review arrangements for your move

1 Week Before

- Pack moving-essential boxes—important documents, travel clothes, personal items and prescription medications

2–3 Days Before

- Confirm final arrangements with your mover and other service providers.