

Moving Tips

- Two to four weeks before move, give your forward address to post office.
- Notify billing companies, subscriptions, banks of change of address
- Make a list of relatives, friends, business contacts and notify of change of address
- Notify utilities (electric, cable, gas, water/sewer) to have disconnection of service at your present house and connection of service at your new house
- Cancel newspaper subscriptions at old house and transfer to new home (if staying in area)
- Investigate homeowners policy for coverage of moved items. Professional movers will only cover what they pack.
- Appliances that will be moved should be cleaned and prepared for moving.
- Estimate the weight of items to be moved because long-distance movers usually bill according to weight. Be aware of excessive padding used to add weight.
- Inquire about elevator or exit restrictions from your condo or co-op association.
- Prepare an “open first” box of items such as paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, plastic flatware, toilet paper, soap, trash bags, scissors, hammer, screwdriver, bottles water, paper and pencils, toiletries, snacks, pet dishes/food, a few toys to occupy the children.

If moving out of town:

- Get copies of medical records and a recommendation for medical professionals in the area to which you are moving
- Get the children’s school records
- Inquire of friends and relatives of anyone they know in the area. Ask for an introduction.
- Make special arrangements for pet transportation. Speak to your vet how to make the move as comfortable as possible for your pets.
- Get travelers’ checks or have an ATM card for cash until you open a new bank account
- Empty your safety deposit box
- Protect house plants in vented boxes especially in cold weather.
- Make sure a relative or friend has your moving itinerary.

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