

# MOVING CHECKLIST

## DONE 6-8 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Get estimates for movers or rental truck
- Schedule movers or rental truck
- Determine furniture layout for new home
- Make inventory of household items
- Arrange for school transfer
- Ask for doctor and dental referrals; arrange for transfer of medical and dental records
- Fill out change-of-address card with post office
- Clean out all closets and drawers

## DONE 4-6 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Get packing supplies: boxes, packing paper, tape, markers
- Use up or dispose of food, cleaners, and hazardous materials
- Have garage sale/donate unwanted items
- Arrange for carpet and drapery cleaning
- Arrange for house cleaning
- Arrange for move of pets
- Arrange for move of plants
- Arrange for utilities (cancel old; start new):
  - Electricity
  - Gas
  - Water/sewer
  - Telephone/DSL
  - Garbage/recycling
  - Cable/satellite

- Arrange for transfer of homeowner's/renter's insurance
- Begin packing
- Make travel arrangements

## DONE 2-3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Set aside critical documents and items you will keep with you
- Transfer prescriptions
- Change address:
  - Family and friends
  - Newspaper
  - Magazines
  - Bank accounts
  - Health, life, and auto insurance policies
  - Credit card bills

## DONE 2-3 WEEKS BEFORE MOVE

- Employer

## DONE 1-5 DAYS BEFORE MOVE

- Defrost freezer
- Empty ice maker and ice cube trays in case of power shutdown
- Clean refrigerator, stove, and oven
- Disconnect and drain appliances for move
- Drain fuel from power equipment
- Close out safe deposit box
- Confirm travel arrangements
- Confirm arrival time of movers/pick-up time of rental truck

- Have payment and snacks ready for movers
- Gather and clean outdoor furniture
- Return cable box, cable modem, DSL modem if necessary
- Organize keys
- Clean house
- Finish packing
- Prepare food for moving day

## DONE MOVING DAY

- Disassemble beds
- Double-check that all cupboards, closets, dishwasher and other appliances are empty
- Give movers tour and instructions for what is being moved

## DONE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF MOVE

- Change address:
  - Driver's license
  - Auto registration
  - Voter registration
  - Re-establish safe deposit box

**Enjoy new home!**

