

Checklist for Moving

Tips to be prepared for your new home.

► PACKING TIPS:

- Keep the Phone Book—Take your current phone book with you. You may need to make calls to businesses back in your former hometown.
- Pack Heavy—Pack Light—Pack heavy items in small boxes and lighter items in larger boxes.
- Protect Your Memories—If it's irreplaceable, take it with you in the car (you don't want regrets later). If you do decide to pack framed photos and art, place sheets or blankets between them for added protection.
- Know how to Pack Plates and Records—Plates and record albums should be packed on end vertically, rather than placed flat and stacked.
- Unscrew Bulbs—Before packing your lamps.
- Give the Kids an Exercise—Have them write their names and address on cartons so they can become familiar with their new information.
- Label—Be sure to label each box with a specific location and contents. Makes box distribution much easier on the movers and you!

► DON'T FORGET TO:

- Give your forwarding address to the post office about 2-3 weeks before the move.
- Plan for special care needs of infants or pets.
- Have the address updated on your credit cards/charge accounts

► AT YOUR NEW ADDRESS:

- Check pilot light on stove, water heater & furnace.
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- Visit city offices and register to vote.
- Register car and get new license plates.
- Register family in your place of worship.
- Register children in school.
- Laundry, newspaper, magazine subscriptions, change-over of service.
- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, water, cable TV, internet & garbage.

► ON MOVING DAY:

- Take Notes—Make a note of your shipment registration and keep it with you in case you need to call your mover with questions.
- Don't Forget about the Fridge—After you've thoroughly cleaned and dried the inside, put a handful of fresh coffee, baking soda or charcoal in a sock or nylon stocking and place it inside to keep the interior smelling fresh.
- Give out your Number—If you've hired professional movers, be sure to give the van foreman a number where you can be reached.
- Get the Bed Ready—Designate one box for sheets and towels so that you won't have to rummage through boxes for these essentials the first night in your new home.
- Take a Break from the Computer—Let your computer "acclimate" itself to room temperature at your new home before plugging it in.
- Remember the Bare Necessities—Pack a box with the bare necessities (toiletries, toilet paper, phone, coffee, soap, a flashlight, a clean change of clothes) and load it last so that it will be unloaded first.

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