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Moving Tips & Tricks

Move date: _____

Get Your Home Ready

- [ ] Clean all carpets
- [ ] Paint
- [ ] Defrost the deep freezer
- [ ] Clean out appliances you are moving
- [ ] Donate or toss perishable foods
- [ ] Drain all fluids from the lawn mower
- [ ] Hire a property manager if renting it out
- [ ] Purge: donate or toss clothes, shoes, books and anything you don't want to move or unpack

Records to Gather

- [ ] Medical records for everyone
- [ ] Dental records, incl. last set of x-rays
- [ ] Vision records
- [ ] Copy of each vehicle title or proof of purchase
- [ ] Buy a safe for important documents (p. 2)

Vehicles

- [ ] Oil changed in all vehicles
- [ ] Tires rotated on all vehicles

Address & Accounts

- [ ] Forward your mail at usps.com
- [ ] Update your address with all bills: car insurance, credit cards, bank, car and student loans
- [ ] Change your address with Amazon
- [ ] Cancel memberships that can't transfer: gym, amusement and theme park passes
- [ ] Withdraw some cash from the bank

Utilities

- [ ] Set shut-off dates for old utilities
- [ ] Set up connections at the new home
- [ ] Schedule cable and internet install

Moving Logistics

- [ ] Schedule movers or reserve a U-Haul
- [ ] Book a hotel if not moving straight in
- [ ] Get one box for all electronic cables
- [ ] Back up computer files
- [ ] Keep a spot for moving receipts, for reimbursement or possibly taxes

Pack a Suitcase Like You're on Vacation

Pack a week's worth of clothes and toiletries. You never know how long it will take for your household goods to arrive or to get everything unpacked.



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Moving Day & Your Movers

Keep in Your Safe

Your important papers travel with you, not the truck.

- [ ] Birth certificates
- [ ] Social Security cards
- [ ] Passports
- [ ] Marriage license
- [ ] Car insurance
- [ ] Medical and dental insurance cards
- [ ] List of medications and supplements
- [ ] List of past surgeries
- [ ] Financial and legal records

Your Do-Not-Pack Zone

Pick a room, bathroom or closet the movers skip, and keep these in it.

- [ ] Suitcase
- [ ] Safe
- [ ] Vacuum
- [ ] Checkbook
- [ ] Cleaning supplies
- [ ] Phone & charger
- [ ] Trash bags
- [ ] Ziploc bags
- [ ] Hand soap
- [ ] Toilet paper
- [ ] Paper towels, plates & utensils
- [ ] Small toolbox: hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, nails

Working with Professional Movers

Take care of your moving crews. Remember, they are doing the heavy lifting and transporting your household goods.

GETTING QUOTES

- [ ] Call 3 moving companies for a quote, and be sure each one is done in-home
- [ ] Quotes way off? Get a 4th

GOOD TO KNOW

Movers will **not** insure “owner packed” boxes. Let them repack any boxes or containers you packed yourself.

MOVERS WON'T MOVE

- Candles
- Lotion
- Flammables
- Aerosol cans
- Propane tanks
- Yard chemicals
- Paint
- Gas-filled mowers

- [ ] Plan to take these in your own vehicle or rent a U-Haul



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