



# THE COMPLETE MOVING CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your new home! Buying a new house is an exciting and rewarding experience. A lot happens between putting in an offer and getting those keys. By the time the experience is complete, you could be a little exhausted. We don't blame you! That's why we want to help you prepare for the big move with this checklist. Use this resource to help you remember where, when, and what you'll need to make the process smoother.

## 1 MONTH BEFORE THE MOVE

- Hire a moving company or rent a truck if you are planning to do it on your own.
- Arrange babysitting and/or pet care.
- File a change of address form at the post office.
- Arrange for the transfer of all medical, dental and school records.
- Transfer Insurance; medical, property, fire, auto, etc.

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

- Cancel or transfer all utilities (Trash, gas, electric, water, TV/cable/Internet service, etc).
- Update bank accounts.
- Collect or purchase all packing supplies; boxes, wrapping paper, bubble wrap, labels, markers, box cutters or scissors and packing tape. Don't forget to label your boxes.
- Check your garage, attic and storage areas.
- Confirm arrangements with movers or truck rental place.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE THE MOVE

- Start packing, labeling each box as you fill it.
- Clean refrigerator, freezer and stove.
- Pick up anything outstanding items such as dry cleaning, prescriptions, etc.

## THE DAY OF THE MOVE

- Keep your valuables with you in your vehicle.
- Properly seal all of the boxes and fragile items.
- Prepare supplies, such as cleaning supplies, snacks/beverages, toilet paper, bath/bedding items, trash bags, disposable dishes, pet food, baby items, phone chargers, prescriptions, glasses, change of clothing, etc.
- Final check before locking the doors. Confirm that you have turned off the furnace/air conditioner, lawn sprinklers, and light switches.

## 1 DAY BEFORE THE MOVE

- Do a final check of closets, cabinets and drawers.
- Be sure to have enough cash on you for the move.
- Take out all trash.
- Fully charge all the electronic devices that you may need immediately.
- Give your movers contact info. Include your old/new address, cell # and directions.

## SEND CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO

- Post Office
- Bank
- Friends and relatives
- Insurance companies
- Utility companies
- Arrange for service in new location
- School records
- Medical records
- Community & Organizations
- Pets — licenses, vaccinations, tags, etc.