

Address Change

- Give forwarding address to Post Office four to six weeks before moving
- Charge accounts, credit cards
- Subscriptions: Notice required six to eight weeks.
- Friends and relatives.

Bank

- Transfer funds, arrange check-cashing in new city if necessary.
- Arrange credit references.

Insurance

- Notify company of new location for coverage's: life, health, fire and auto.

Utility Companies

- Gas, light, water, fuel, garbage.
- Get refunds on any deposits made.
- Return cable boxes if necessary.

Services

- Laundry, newspaper, lawn care, snow removal, changeover of service.

Medical, Dental, Prescription Histories

- Ask doctor, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor etc. for referrals
- Transfer needed for prescriptions, eyeglasses, X-rays.
- Obtain birth records, medical records, etc.

Pets

- Ask about regulations for licenses, vaccinations, tags, etc.

Don't forget to:

- Empty freezer, plan use of foods.
- Defrost freezer and clean refrigerator. Place charcoal to dispel odors.
- Have appliances serviced for moving.
- Clean rugs and/or clothing before moving; have them wrapped.
- Check with your moving counselor/company -- insurance coverage, packing and unpacking labor, arrival day, various shipping papers, method and time of expected payment.
- Plan for special care needs of infant or pets.
- Check with Agriculture Department of new area to see if they have restrictions on plants.

On moving day:

A number of options are available when it comes to planning the big move. You can do it yourself by renting a moving truck and packing and loading your own belongings, or you can hire a moving company to do the work for you. It's important to consider how far you're moving, how much you're bringing with you, and the time and costs associated with each option.

- Carry enough cash or traveler's checks to cover cost of moving services and expenses until you establish new banking services.
- Carry jewelry and important documents yourself or used registered mail.
- Plan for transporting of pets.

- Let close friends or relatives know route and schedule, including any overnight stops. Use them as message headquarters.
- Final check of old residents: double-check closets, drawers and shelves to make sure they are empty.
- Leave old keys, garage door openers, broiler pans, landscape/house plans and instruction manuals needed by new owner with the Realtor.

At your new address:

- Obtain certified checks or cashier's checks necessary for closing real estate transaction (check title company for details).
- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, water and garbage.
- Check pilot light for stove, water heater and furnace.
- Have appliances checked.
- Ask mailman for mail he may be holding for your arrival.
- Have new address recorded on driver's license.
- Visit city offices and register for voting.
- Register car within five-days after arrival in state or penalty may have to be paid when getting a new license plate.
- Obtain inspection sticker and transfer motor club membership.
- Apply for state driver's license.
- Register family in your new place of worship.
- Register children in school.
- Arrange for medical services: doctor, dentist, veterinarian, etc.
- Visit the Chamber of Commerce to see how you can get involved in the community.
- Check with your CPA or accountant for tax deductible moving expenses.

