

MOVING CHECKLIST

FOUR WEEKS BEFORE CLOSING

Decide what you want to take to your new home, what you want to throw out, what you want to donate or sell

Arrange for important school, medical, financial and legal records to be transferred to your new home

Decide how your furniture and belongings will be moved, such as using a packing and moving service, or renting a truck and packing and moving by yourself

Schedule a moving service company for your move, or reserve a truck or van rental for relocation

If you will need to store any of your stuff for the move, arrange for storage space. Often a moving company can provide temporary storage.

If you have kids start talking to them now about the move, Get them involved in the moving process as that will help them cope with the move, especially if this is a long distance relocation.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE CLOSING

Arrange to have your pets transported or boarded for the move. Start preparing your plants for the move

Get back any items that you have lent (and give back any items that you have borrowed). Pick up any items that are being repaired

Dispose of flammable items such as paint, aerosol cans and cleaning fluids

Send change-of-address information to the post office and other businesses

TWO WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

Schedule a date for a service firm to disconnect and prepare the appliances you are moving

Start packing non-essential items

Arrange for a babysitter for moving day

Start planning to disconnect utilities

Arrange for any services for your new home that will be easier to do before your things arrive, such as painting, carpet cleaning, floor and wood cleaning

Draw up a floor plan for your new home and start planning your furniture arrangement (it makes moving twice as easy)

ONE WEEK BEFORE CLOSING

Finish packing suitcases and basic essentials, make sure valuable documents, currency and jewellery are in a safe and easily accessible place

Make sure all your important papers, keys, and medications are available for easy access

If you are travelling a long distance by car for your move, you may want to have your car serviced

PACKING DAY

Make sure to leave a clear workspace for the packers

Identify fragile and valuable items, items you are taking with you and items you are leaving for the buyers

MOVING OUT DAY

Plan to stay home until the moving van has left

Do a final check for overlooked items, make sure windows and doors are locked and lights are turned off, utilities are disconnected and keys are transferred

Leave mailbox keys, spare keys, shed keys and garage door openers for buyers to be easily found

MOVING IN DAY

Try to get to your new home the day before the moving van arrives. Make sure the utilities are connected, check to make sure furniture arrangement is optimal

When the mover arrives, check unloaded items for damage. Make arrangements for installation of appliances, confirm unpacking requirements

Look over this moving checklist and your calendar, make sure you have covered everything for your move

**Now sit back, relax and *ENJOY*
your new home!**

