

Moving Tips

Moving Checklist

8 weeks prior

- Remove unnecessary items from your attic, storage shed, etc.
- Use things you can't move, such as frozen foods and cleaning supplies
- Start a possessions inventory
- Solicit estimates from three moving companies
- Call your homeowners insurance agent to find out how your policy will cover your move
- Begin collecting all moving papers and receipts in a file folder
- Arrange to transfer your children's school records

6 weeks prior

- Contact the IRS and/or your CPA for tax-deductible information
- Evaluate your possessions inventory: Can you donate anything? Do you need it all?
- Notify your friends, relatives, professionals, creditors, subscriptions, etc.
- Locate healthcare professionals and hospitals in your new location
- Complete change of address cards via the post office, or using online services, to include the following:
 - Banks
 - Charge cards
 - Religious organizations
 - Doctor/dentist
 - Relatives and friends
 - Income tax bureau/Social Security Administration
 - Insurance broker/lawyer/CPA/stockbroker
 - Magazines
 - Post office
 - Schools
- Clean your closets
- Hold a moving or garage sale or donate items to charities
- Choose a mover or decide to move yourself
- Contact your mover to ask about insurance

4 weeks prior

- Send furniture, drapes and carpets for repair/cleaning as needed
- Gather auto licensing and registration documents, medical, dental and school records, birth certificates, wills, deeds, stock and other financial documentation
- Contact gas, electric, oil, water, telephone, cable television and trash collection companies for service disconnection and connection at your old and new addresses. Also ask for final readings
- Request refunds on unused homeowner's insurance, security deposit with landlord and prepaid cable service
- Notify your gardener and pool service, if applicable
- Contact insurance companies (auto, homeowner's, medical and life) to arrange for coverage in your new home

3 weeks prior

- Make your travel plans, if applicable
- Arrange to close current bank accounts and open accounts in new locale, if necessary
- Notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of your new address
- Arrange for childcare on moving day

2 weeks prior

- Arrange for special transport for your pets and plants
- Service your car for the trip
- Contact your moving company and review arrangements for your move

On Moving Day:

- Carry enough cash or traveler's checks to cover cost of moving services and expenses until you make banking connections in new city, or keep with you an ATM card
- Carry jewelry and important documents yourself, or use registered mail
- Plan for transporting of pets
- Doublecheck closets, drawers, shelves to be sure they are empty
- Leave old keys, garage door openers and instruction manuals needed by new owner

At your new address:

- Obtain California-drawn certified checks or cashier's checks necessary for closing real estate transaction (check with title company transaction coordinator for details)
- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, water and garbage
- Check pilot light on stove, water heater and furnace
- Ask mail delivery person for mail he/she may be holding for your arrival
- Have new address recorded on driver's license and car registration
- Visit city offices and register for voting
- Register children in school

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