

For those of us who haven't planned our move months out, here's the short list with the major items you don't want to forget.

MOVING CHECKLIST



Change of address

- U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
- DRIVERS LICENSE
- INTERNAL REVENUE (IRS)
- SOCIAL SECURITY
- VOTER REGISTRATION
- BANKS
- LOANS
- INVESTMENTS
- CREDIT CARDS
- STORE CREDIT CARDS
- PAYPAL
- AUTOMATED PAYMENTS
- PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
- INSURANCE
- DOCTORS
- SCHOOLS
- FRIENDS & FAMILY
- SUBSCRIPTIONS
- ASSOCIATIONS

Services to cancel/transfer

- CABLE
- INTERNET
- PHONE/CELL
- ELECTRIC
- GAS
- WATER
- SEWER
- TRASH
- LANDSCAPING
- HOUSE CLEANING
- PEST CONTROL



Organize

- KEEP PERSONAL & FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS IN ONE BOX
checkbook, passports, birth certificates, insurance docs, taxes
- UPDATE MEDICAL RECORDS
- NOTIFY OLD & NEW SCHOOLS & ARRANGE TRANSFER
- KEEP KEYS, GARAGE OPENERS IN BAG FOR NEW OWNERS
- KEEP A FOLDER WITH WARRANTIES & MANUALS FOR NEW OWNERS
- PLAN MEALS TO USE UP THE FOOD YOU HAVE LEFT
- SAVE MOVING RECEIPTS
Possible tax deduction



Packing & storage

- PURGE UNUSED ITEMS
- RESERVE TRUCK OR MOVERS
- RESERVE STORAGE IF NEEDED
- PACK INFREQUENTLY USED ITEMS AHEAD OF TIME
- START A FAMILY "MOVE KIT" FOR FIRST NIGHT IN NEW HOME

Moving day

- ARRANGE HELP FOR KIDS OR PETS FOR THE DAY
- HAVE CASH TO TIP MOVERS
- FINAL CLEANING
- DISPOSE OF TRASH
- RUN GARBAGE DISPOSAL
- FINAL WALK THROUGH
- RAISE/LOWER THERMOSTAT
depending on the weather
- TURN OFF WATER HEATER
- LOWER SHADES
- LOCK ALL DOORS & WINDOWS