

Every step to consider, from six weeks out to moving day and beyond.

## 6 weeks before the move

- Draw up a floor plan for your new house and map out what furniture and items need to move with you versus what can be donated or disposed
- Arrange off-site storage, if needed
- Start using food and household items that won't be moving with you
- Contact professional movers for price estimates and lock in the company that best suits your needs
- If you are moving yourself, contact truck rental companies for price estimates and reserve the vehicle in advance

## 4 weeks before the move

- Clean or repair furniture, curtains and carpets
- Hold a garage sale to sell or give away any items you don't need in your new home

## 3 weeks before the move

- Assemble packing materials:
  - Furniture pads
  - Hand truck/dolly
  - Packing tape
  - Bubble wrap
  - Packing "peanuts"
  - String and rope
  - Newspapers/tissue paper
  - Scissors and utility knife
  - Self-stick labels
  - Felt-tip markers
  - Boxes, boxes, boxes
- Begin packing items that you won't need until after you have moved
- Arrange to cancel utilities – gas, electricity, etc

## 2 weeks before the move

- Make any special arrangements to move pets, such as purchasing airline reservations and travelling containers
- Arrange a new telephone service/internet connection at your new home
- Cancel direct deposit or automatic payment arrangements related to your current home and cancel or update delivery services
- Arrange any necessary babysitter or pet minding services for moving day

## 1 weeks before the move

- Transfer medical prescriptions to a pharmacy in your location
- Return library books
- Arrange to change your address on your driver's license and car registration

## 2-3 days before the move

- Defrost any refrigerators and freezers
- Schedule the movers to pack your belongings
- Arrange payment for movers and withdraw necessary cash
- Set aside valuables and legal documents to travel with you
- Pack clothing and toiletries to travel with you in case of delivery delays
- Pack a first-day handy items box – plates, cups, cutlery, towels, bedding, kids toys, and toilet paper – to travel with you

# Moving checklist.

## Moving day

- If you are moving yourself, pick up the truck early
- Make a list of every item and box loaded on the moving truck
- Turn off utilities and appliances
- Leave all appliance manuals and warranties on the kitchen bench
- Be on hand to answer questions and give directions to the mover

## Delivery day

- Make sure the utilities (water, power, gas, etc.,) are connected
- Check off all boxes and items against your list as they come off the truck
- Settle into your new home

## Don't forget to update your address with:

- Banks
- Accountants
- Lawyers
- Credit card companies
- Hire purchase companies
- Electricity, water and gas providers
- Insurance companies
- Healthcare providers
- Subscription services
- School and university
- Local council
- The electoral roll
- Internet, phone and mobile phone companies