



Moving Tips

Here's a recap of things to think about as you plan your move to your new home.

Select your mover or reserve your moving van – Get bids from reputable moving companies only. Get on their calendar for your desired moving date.

What shouldn't make the move – Moving is a great time to edit (and reduce) your belongings. Why move things that you really don't need, want or will ever use again? If you start packing early you'll have ample time to sort through your possessions and lighten your load.

Notify the post office – Fill out your post office change of address cards.

Notify important relationships – Financial institutions, physicians, credit card issuers, friends & family all need to know your new address and contact information.

Make travel plans – Make necessary travel arrangements as needed. If you end up temporarily between homes because of the scheduled closing dates, be sure to make hotel/motel reservations too.

Homeowner insurance – Make sure your carrier is clear on closing & moving dates. Confirm that you'll have the coverages you need during this transition period.

Source packing supplies – Your mover may offer to sell you packing supplies but they won't be cheap. Start amassing a supply of sturdy cardboard boxes along with supply of tape and labeling markers.

Figure out what you will do with pets – Pets must travel with you - not with the moving van. If crossing state lines make sure you have veterinary records in hand.

Hazardous materials – Movers can't take hazardous materials such as propane tanks, gasoline cans and, in some cases, lawn mowing equipment. Figure out what won't be movable and figure out how you are going to get rid of these items.

Plants – Plants won't survive a long move so you should consider giving plants away that aren't likely to make it.