MOVING CHECKLIST

It's Your Move! This step-by-step guide will smooth the relocation roller-coaster.

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TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ **Sort and Purge** Go through every room of your house and decide what you can get rid of. Think about special packing requirements or extra insurance coverage.
- Request On-site Estimates Get in writing estimates from a number of different moving companies. Make sure they provide a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) number.
- ☐ **Keep Track of Everything in a Moving Binder** Keep all your estimates, your receipts, and an inventory here.
- ☐ **Transfer Children's School Records** Give the records to new school district.

SIX WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ **Order Supplies** Get boxes, tape, bubble wrap, and permanent markers, dish barrels or wardrobe boxes.
- ☐ **Take Measurements** Will larger pieces of furniture fit through passageways and doors?

ONE MONTH BEFORE

- ☐ Get Written Confirmation from Mover Of date, costs, and other details.
- □ Pack Infrequently Used Items First Note items of special value and declare in writing any items valued over \$100 per pound.
- ☐ Label Contents and Destination of Each Box Label anything you'll need right away as "essential."
- □ Pack A Separate Box of Valuables Move these valuables yourself, and include the mover's estimate for reference.
- □ Do a Change of Address Go to your local post office, or do it online at usps.gov. Ask a neighbor to look out for more mail. Important creditors should be notified directly.
- ☐ **Medical Records** Send them to any new health-care providers.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Take Your Car in for Servicing Make sure it's move ready.
- ☐ Clean Out Your Safe-Deposit Box If you'll be changing banks, and contact the moving company to re-confirm arrangements.

ONE WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ **Finish General Packing** Pack suitcases with clothes for the next few days.
- Refill any Important Prescriptions.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE

- Defrost the Freezer If it's moving, make sure to empty, clean, and defrost it at least 24 hours before moving day.
- □ **Double-Check** Reconfirm the mover arrival time and other specifics.
- ☐ Plan for the Payment If you haven't already arranged to pay your mover with a credit card, get a money order, cashier's check, or cash for payment. If the staff has done a good job, 10-15% of the total fee is a good tip. If your move was especially difficult, you might tip each mover up to \$100. Don't forget that refreshments are always appreciated.

MOVING DAY!

- ☐ **Verify Movers** Make sure that the USDOT number painted on the side of the truck matches the number on the estimate.
- ☐ **Take Inventory** Before the movers leave, sign the bill of lading/inventory list and keep a copy.

Please contact me if you have any questions!



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