

# PLANNING A MOVE

Most people experience moving at least once. Whether you are moving down the road, across town or across country it can prove to be a challenging time. A well-organized and planned move can greatly reduce the stress involved in packing up and transporting a lifetime of belongings. A successful move can also be a wonderful way to start life in your new home. The following check list can help you stay organized.

## **6-8 weeks before your move:**

- Reserve a rental truck or make arrangements with a professional mover
- Get packing supplies – tape, boxes, tissue paper, bubble wrap, markers
- Clean out closets, basement and garage. Have a yard sale or donate unneeded items to charity.
- Advise post office of new address and effective date.

### *Send change of address to:*

- Telephone company
- Insurance company
- Bank and credit card companies
- Book and record clubs
- Hydro, gas or oil
- Cable t.v.
  
- Arrange to transfer your household insurance to your new home
- Arrange to have utilities disconnected (gas, cable, phone, hydro, security system)

### *Arrange to have utilities connected for new home*

- Get new telephone number
- Ask about installation of phone jacks if moving to new construction home

## **2-4 weeks before your move:**

- Stop or transfer newspaper and other home deliveries
- Obtain school, medical and dental records
- Obtain veterinarian records for pets
- Reserve elevator if moving from an apartment
- Defrost freezer
- Return library books

## **A few days before your move:**

- Complete packing. Make sure boxes are clearly marked with the room they'll go in.
- Place important documents in a safe box that you will carry. Mark "Do Not Move" and move yourself.
- Prepare an "open first" box with basic kitchen and bathroom supplies, towels, bedding and hammer, screwdriver to set up furniture.
- Label keys for new occupants

## **Moving Day:**

- Check all rooms and closets to make sure nothing has been left.
- Turn down the thermostat
- Leave labeled keys with the landlord, solicitor or real estate agent
- Check that you have keys to every lock in your new home
- Make sure the utilities are on and working properly.
- Show movers where to put boxes and furniture
- Unpack your "open first" box
- Set up your bed, kitchen and bath

## **After your move:**

- Change the address on your driver's license and car insurance.