

Organize your life... *and your move!*

Two Months before Move Date-

- Start by creating a moving folder. Make sure this folder holds everything about your move.
- Investigate moving companies and get several estimates. Make sure they can handle any special needs items like flat screen televisions, safes, pool tables, etc. Keep this information along with any receipts and paperwork in your moving folder.
- Go through your home and decide what you want to take with you and what you can part with. Moving is one of the best ways to reduce clutter. Make sure you only take the things you love and use with you.
- Check the floor plan of your new home and make sure all the furniture that you are moving will fit. Make plans to sell or donate the pieces that will not make the move.

Six Weeks-

- Order or collect boxes and packing supplies.
- Start using the things that you will not take, like food and cleaning products.
- Call to arrange school records to be transferred to your child's new school.

One Month-

- Select your mover. Make sure you get the details in writing.
- Fill out a change of address with the post office.
- Notify all of the proper companies of your move & note how to deal with final bills.
 - Post office
 - Utility companies
 - Banks/Credit Card Companies
 - Insurance Companies/Doctors or any Health Care provider
 - Newspapers or Magazines subscriptions
- Finally, start packing. Start with the things you use least frequently. Label your boxes specifically with what is in the box and what room it goes in and also by number. This will help in case one gets lost in transit.

Two Weeks-

- Confirm that your utilities will be on at your new home.
- If you are going far, you may want to have your car serviced.
- Make sure you have all the medication that you will need for the next few weeks.

One Week-

- Try to finish packing this week to avoid as much stress on the actual "big day".
- Pack your last minute things that you use all the time in boxes marked essentials so you can get to them right away.
- Pack suitcases for everyone in the family with enough clothes for a couple of days, along with other things that you will personally transport to your home such as valuables and important paperwork.

Day Of-

- Be home while the movers are working.
- Make several trips through your home after the movers are done to make sure you have it all.
- Remember to eat, drink and take care of yourself, family and pets. It can be a long day!
- *Hiring a professional organizer to help set up your new home can make a huge difference. Your new house can be a home within days!*