

Moving Tips for Sellers

1. Give your forwarding address to the post office, usually 2-4 weeks ahead of the move.
2. Notify your charge cards, magazine subscriptions, and bank of the change of address.
3. Develop a list of friends, relatives, and business colleagues who need to be notified of the move.
4. Arrange to have utilities disconnected at your old home and connected at your new one.
5. Cancel the newspaper.
6. Check insurance coverage for moved items. Usually movers only cover what they pack.
7. Clean out appliances and prepare the for moving, if applicable.
8. Note the weight of the goods you'll have moved, since long-distance moves are usually billed according to weight. Watch for movers that use excessive padding to add weight.
9. Check with your condo or co-op about restrictions on use the elevator or particular exits.
10. Have a "first open" box with the things you'll need most— toilet paper, soap, trash bags, scissors, hammer, screwdriver, pencils, paper, cups, plates, water, snacks, and toothpaste.

PLUS, IF YOU'RE MOVING OUT OF TOWN:

1. Get copies of medical and dental records and prescriptions for you family and your pets.
2. Get copies of children's school records for transfer.
3. Ask friends for introductions to anyone they know in your new neighborhood.
4. Consider special car needs for pets when traveling.
5. Let a friend or relative know your route.
6. Carry traveler's checks or an ATM card for ready cash until you can open a bank account.
7. Empty your safety deposit box.
8. Put plants in boxes with holes for air circulation if you're moving in cold weather.

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