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YOUR GUIDE TO BUYING REAL ESTATE

On the Move – A Logical Approach to Moving

Moving can be an exciting time. It can also be a trying time if you don't have a plan to make your move easier. The schedule below will help you prepare for the big day.

8 Weeks Before

- Start getting estimates from moving companies and choose the one that meets your needs. If you are moving yourself, get estimates from truck rental companies. You'll need to reserve in advance.
- Use up things that can't be moved – such as frozen foods and flammable household aerosol cleaning supplies.

6 Weeks Before

- Discuss costs, insurance, packing, loading, delivery, and the claims procedure with your mover.
- Take inventory of all your possessions. Find out what can be sold and what can be donated to charity for a tax deduction.
- Get a change of address kit from the post office and start that process. Also, change the address on magazine subscriptions, catalogs, and creditors.
- Talk to your accountant or the IRS about tax-deductible moving expenses. Keep accurate records.

4 Weeks Before

- Schedule packing with the mover to be done a day or two before loading the truck if you have contracted someone else to do it.
- If you are moving yourself, figure out how many boxes you'll need. (Many truck rental companies will provide this service.)
- To figure the size of truck you'll need, take all non-boxable items and add 15 percent to their combined cubic feet (along with the total cubic feet of boxes to be loaded).

3 Weeks Before

- Assemble all packing materials such as packing tape, scissors, utility knife, markers, and boxes.
- Start packing items you won't need. Be careful not to put too much weight in any of the boxes.
- Get new driver's license, registration, and insurance

if needed.

- Schedule a cancellation date for utilities and service at your old home, and arrange for service to begin at your new home.

2 Weeks Before

- Arrange to transfer all of your bank accounts to a new branch location.
- Cancel direct deposit or automatic payment arrangements on bank accounts you are closing.
- Make sure your car is serviced and ready for the trip.

1 Week Before

- Transfer all medical prescriptions to a pharmacy in your new location.
- Arrange for a babysitter, if necessary.

2 – 3 Days Before

- Defrost your refrigerator and freezer.
- Have movers pack your shipment.
- Take valuables and legal documents with you instead of packing them.

Moving Day

- Pick up truck early.
- Make a list of every item and box loaded onto the truck.
- Let the mover know where you can be reached.
- Inspect all areas of your old house to see that all utilities are turned off, and lock all windows and doors.
- Read the mover's bill of lading carefully before you sign it. Keep it in a safe place until your move is complete.

Delivery Day



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- Remove your box of "delivery day" items first.
Check off boxes as they are unloaded.

