

## Packing Hacks

- Wrap dishes in clothing - saves money on bubble wrap.
- Cover liquids in plastic wrap before lid - no spills.
- Put Styrofoam plates in between breakable plates.
- Put screws and small furniture accessories in a plastic bag, then tape to that piece of furniture.
- Thread your necklaces through straws - tangle free.
- Vacuum-seal each dresser drawer in plastic.
- Pack books inside suitcases - easier to transport.
- Put pillows and blankets in a garbage bag.
- Pack essentials last - make sure they are easily accessible.
- Label your cords.

## Moving Check-list

### One Month in Advance

- File a change of address with post office and other services.
- Research doctors and medical facilities in your new area.
- Sell or donate unwanted items.
- Request any needed time off work.
- Buy moving supplies.
- Inventory and value your items.
- Turn off and set up new utilities.
- Notify your kids' schools of the move.

### Three Weeks in Advance

- Make a list of important names and numbers.
- Plan for moving pets and plants.
- Review insurance to find out if move is covered.
- Transfer insurance to cover the new house.

### Two Weeks in Advance

- Start packing.
- Make travel arrangements.
- Arrange for appliance servicing.
- Dispose of any hazardous/flammable items for the move.
- Discontinue newspaper delivery, lawn service, etc.
- Arrange for driver payment at your destination.
- Set aside valuables and personal items that will travel with you.

### The Day Before

- Set aside items you will need immediately like towels, paper plates, etc.
- Walk through making sure everything is packed.
- Keep important moving documents in a convenient spot.
- Defrost and clean refrigerator.

### Moving Day

- Plan to be at your new home when movers arrive.
- Final walk through of home to make sure nothing is overlooked.
- Double check movers have correct address and phone numbers.
- Lock doors, windows, and turn everything off.

## Don't Forget

High quality garbage bags for packing and trash | *Packing tape and tape dispenser* | Extra boxes | *Newspaper and plastic bags for breakables* | Sharpie for labeling | *Dish soap and sponge to rewash dishes in case they get dirty in the move* | Doormat to cut down on dirt from movers | *Cleaning supplies to clean areas of your new home and furniture* | Bottled water, snacks, and cooler | *Bathroom supplies: T.P., hand towels, soap, etc.* | Keep toiletries handy | *Plastic utensils, paper towels, paper plates* | A few meals worth of pet food in baggies | *Shower curtain liner* | Light bulbs or a floor lamp

