



## Checklist for Moving

### PACKING TIPS:

- Keep the Phone Book—Take your current phone book with you. You may need to make calls to businesses back in your former hometown.
- Pack Heavy—Pack Light—Pack heavy items in small boxes and lighter items in larger boxes.
- Protect Your Memories—If it's irreplaceable, take it with you in the car (you don't want regrets later). If you *do* decide to pack framed photos and art, place sheets or blankets between them for added protection.
- Know how to Pack Plates and Records—Plates and record albums should be packed on end vertically, rather than placed flat and stacked.
- Unscrew Bulbs—Before packing your lamps.
- Give the Kids an Exercise—Have them write their names and address on cartons so they can become familiar with their new information.
- Label—Be sure to label each box with a specific location and contents. Makes box distribution much easier on the movers and you!

### DON'T FORGET TO:

- Give your forwarding address to the post office about 2-3 weeks before the move.
- Plan for special care needs of infants or pets.
- Have the address updated on your credit cards/charge accounts.

### AT YOUR NEW ADDRESS:

- Check pilot light on stove, water heater & furnace.
- Have new address recorded on driver's license and car registration.
- Visit city offices and register to vote.
- Register car and get new license plates.
- Register family in your place of worship.
- Register children in school.
- Laundry, newspaper, magazine subscriptions, change-over of service.
- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity, water, cable TV, internet & garbage.



### ON MOVING DAY:

- Take Notes—Make a note of your shipment registration and keep it with you in case you need to call your mover with questions.
- Don't Forget about the Fridge—After you've thoroughly cleaned and dried the inside, put a handful of fresh coffee, baking soda or charcoal in a sock or nylon stocking and place it inside to keep the interior smelling fresh.
- Give out your Number—If you've hired professional movers, be sure to give the van foreman a number where you can be reached.
- Get the Bed Ready—Designate one box for sheets and towels so that you won't have to rummage through boxes for these essentials the first night in your new home.
- Take a Break from the Computer—Let your computer "acclimate" itself to room temperature at your new home before plugging it in.
- Remember the Bare Necessities—Pack a box with the bare necessities (toiletries, toilet paper, phone, coffee, soap, a flashlight, a clean change of clothes) and load it last so that it will be unloaded first.