

The Secret of a Good Move

A good moving plan involves the setting of two important dates; Packing and Loading. Decide if you are going to hire a company or move yourself, start booking your friends in advance so there is no mistaking who will be there for you on moving day.

A good checklist is essential. Start planning early and you'll be surprised how smoothly things will go!

4-6 weeks Before the Move

- Have an inventory session. Decide what to move and not to move.
- Schedule a moving sale for items you don't want. Donate other items to charitable organizations. (Donations may be eligible for an income tax receipt)
- Gather personal records: medical, school, birth, marriage, etc. Arrange to send transcript of school records in advance to new schools.
- Start collecting boxes, packing tape, newspapers, plastic bubble wrap etc.

Make Arrangements to Discontinue

- Newspaper delivery
- Utilities (Hydro, Gas, Water, etc)
- Telephone service (the day after your goods are loaded)
- *Remember to make advance arrangements for these services in your new home*

Mail Change of Address Cards to

- Post Office
- Health and Welfare Canada

- Insurance Companies
- Credit Cards and Banks
- Magazines
- Friends and Relatives
- Other: _____

2-3 Weeks Before Move:

- Arrange for shipment of plants and pets. If leaving country, get immunization records for pets.
- Safely dispose of, or give away, all flammables (paints, etc)
- Other: _____

One Week Before Move:

- Defrost fridge and freezer, plus allow thorough air-drying to prevent mildew.
- Arrange for disposal of frozen foods (give away, eat).
- Clean oven.
- Transfer checking/savings accounts.
- Drain garden hose.
- Send clothing, draperies, rugs out for cleaning and leave in wrapping.
- Finish packing shelves, cupboards, etc., things you don't need on daily basis.

Moving Day

- Pack a box of the basics you will need on move-in day: tools, toilet paper, paper towels, all purpose house hold cleaner, etc.
- Order lots of pizza for your friends. Make a pot of coffee.
- Stay out of the way of the professional mover, but close at hand to answer any of their questions.

Take a deep breath, it will be over soon!

List of Things to Remember

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