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So Now You're Moving, It's All About Organization!

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Before you Leave:

Give Change of Address To:

- Post Office
- Charge Accounts, Credit Cards
- Subscriptions: Notice requires several weeks
- Friends and Relatives

Bank

- Transfer funds; arrange check cashing in new city.
- Arrange credit references.

Insurance

- Notify company of new location for coverage's: Life, Health, Fire & Auto

Utility Companies

- Gas, light, water, telephone, cable, fuel
- Obtain refunds on any deposits made

Medical, Dental, Prescription Histories

- Ask Doctor & Dentist for referrals.
- Transfer needed prescriptions, eyeglasses, X-rays.
- Obtain birth records, medical records, etc.

And Don't Forget To:

- Empty Freezer
- Defrost freezer and clean refrigerator.
- Clean rugs or clothing before moving.
- Arrange to have items wrapped for moving.
- Check with your Moving Coordinator: Insurance coverage, packing & unpacking labor, arrival day, various shipping papers, method and time of expected payment.
- Plan for special car needs of toddlers and infants.

On Moving Day

- Carry enough cash or travelers checks to cover cost of moving services and expenses until you make banking connections in the new city.
- Carry jewelry and documents yourself, or use registered mail.

At Your New Address:

- Plan for transporting pets; they are poor traveling companions if unhappy.
- Double-check closets, drawers & shelves to be sure they are empty.
- Leave old keys and garage remote control with your Realtor for the buyers.
- Check on service of telephone, gas, electricity & water.
- Check pilot light on stove, water heater, incinerator & furnace.
- Have new address recorded on driver's license.
- Register car within 5 days after arrival in state or a penalty may be levied when getting new license plates.
- Apply for state driver's license.
- Register children in school.
- Arrange for medical services: Doctor, Dentist, etc.

Now sit back, take a deep breath and mutter something about never doing this again!