



Begin your packing as early in the moving process as you can. Decide what you are going to pack yourself and what the movers will pack

**A**fter your purchase offer is accepted and your loan approved, moving is next on your agenda. Pre-planning and preparation will make your move much easier. Start by setting up a calendar for your move.

### The Mover

One of the first things you need to do to prepare for your move is decide on a mover. When selecting a mover, always obtain a written cost estimate from each moving company you consider. Fees for local moves — 50 miles or less — are usually determined on an hourly basis. Long distance moves generally are priced by load weight and mileage.

For long distance moves, purchase protection at full value for each item being moved. After selecting your mover, arrange a moving date. Then use the 30-day checklist below. It will help make the big job much easier.

### Countdown

#### Thirty Days Before . . .

- Determine what you are going to move and start getting rid of everything else.
- Decide what you are going to pack yourself and what the movers will pack. The mover is not responsible for breakage of items you pack. Obtain packing cartons from the mover.
- Notify the post office of your new address. Fill out change of address cards.
- Gather medical and dental records for all family members.
- Notify schools and arrange to have transcripts and records forwarded to the new schools.
- Close local charge accounts.
- Start a possessions inventory.
- Solicit estimates from moving companies.
- Create a file for documenting all moving papers and receipts.

#### Two Weeks Before . . .

- Start packing. Do a little at a time. Don't try to do it all in a day or two.
- Return borrowed items and reclaim items borrowed from you.
- Arrange disconnect/connect dates with local utilities.
- Develop a floor plan to show the movers where you want your belongings placed in your new home.

#### One Week Before . . .

- Dispose of all flammable materials.
- Dismantle outdoor play or gym equipment.
- Transfer bank accounts and contents of safe deposit box.
- Pack items you want to move yourself and mark "Do Not Move."

#### One Day Before . . .

- Empty and defrost your refrigerator and freezer; let the appliances air out for 24 hours.
- Finish packing personal items.
- Get a good night's sleep.

#### Moving Day . . .

- Strip beds, but leave fitted bottom sheets on mattresses.
- Be present to answer movers' questions.
- Accompany movers through the house for an inventory of things to be moved.
- Confirm destination address with van operator. Also confirm time and date of delivery.
- Close all windows and turn out all lights.
- Lock all doors.
- Look forward to enjoying your home.

