

# MOVING CHECKLIST

## SEVERAL WEEKS PRIOR TO MOVE:

- Review your relocation package (if you have one) and determine what expenses will be paid by your company.
- Start a log of moving expenses receipts (some may be tax deductible; consult your tax professional).
- Get written estimates from moving companies. Check the limits of insurance they offer.
- Start to dispose of unwanted items by having a garage sale or making donations to charitable organizations (obtain receipts for possible tax deductions; consult your tax professional).
- Only buy items that will be used before moving.
- Collect and return items borrowed by neighbors and friends. Don't forget any library books!
- Purchase supplies like packing tape, bubble wrap, furniture pads, and boxes, boxes, and boxes!

## JUST PRIOR TO MOVING DAY:

- Check in with your movers and confirm the start time of your move.
- Make sure you have all the documents related to your move on hand.
- Pack "Open-First" boxes. For each room you pack, set aside one box that contains everything you'll need the first few days in your new home. Label the boxes "Open-First" so that these will be the first boxes you unload.
- Finish taking apart furniture that needs to be disassembled.
- Write down serial numbers as you pack up your computer and electrical equipment.
- Make sure all boxes are clearly marked/labeled.
- Start cleaning the house as you go.
- Close local accounts (banking, gym memberships, etc.) if necessary.

## ON MOVING DAY:

- Check the truck, trailer, or portable container for cracks, leaks, or other signs of wear. Raise any concerns with the movers.
- Load items in predesignated order, with "Open-First" boxes last.
- Check all closets, cabinets, and rooms to make sure you didn't leave anything.
- Leave all keys and garage door openers needed by the new owner. Also leave a note with your contact information.
- Carry currency, jewelry, and important documents with you or use registered mail.
- Check thermostat and make sure temperature is set appropriately.
- Take out garbage.

