

# Before You Move

## *Out of the Area*

- ✔ Sell your current home. We can refer you to a great agent if you do not have one. You may need to assign someone power of attorney if you are unavailable to be at the closing. Check with your attorney.
- ✔ Get copies of all your medical records for each member of the family. Don't forget your dentist and any specialist you may have seen, and your veterinarian if you have pets. Your new doctors will want your previous records.
- ✔ Move all your prescriptions to a national drug store chain or be sure to get new written prescriptions from your present doctors so you can get them filled at your new location.
- ✔ Advise the school when your children will be leaving so they will have your school records ready for you.
- ✔ Get records of children's immunization for next school.
- ✔ Take pictures of all your valuables. Video-tape your home prior to mover's arrival to help with claims later.
- ✔ Pack any items that are irreplaceable and take them with you. Do not leave anything in the hands of the movers that you cannot live without. Keep all highly valuable items with you as well as the pictures and video you took.
- ✔ If you are doing all your own packing, make sure you label each box with the contents and the room in which the box should be placed. This will be very helpful when unpacking and for the movers.
- ✔ Make one box that includes the basics and label it with Stars "Basics Box" so you can easily find it.

### **Here is what it should include:**

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| • Paper Towels               | • Paper Plates  | • Screwdriver    | • Box Cutter for each adult  |
| • Can Opener                 | • Plastic Cups  | • Hammer         | • Dish Towel                 |
| • Toiletries                 | • Sharpe Knife  | • Pliers         | • Bath towel for each person |
| • Silverware for each person | • Cutting board | • Electric Drill | • First Aid Kit              |
- ✔ Backup your computer and take the backup with you.
  - ✔ Have a farewell party for your fiends and give them your new contact info.
  - ✔ Forward your mail to your new location.
  - ✔ Close bank accounts and update all automatic deposits and payments with new bank account info.
  - ✔ File a change of address with the IRS & investment accounts, insurance agents and creditors.
  - ✔ Advise any groups that you volunteer for that you are leaving.
  - ✔ Give notice to your employer.

# When You Arrive *At Your New Destination*

- ✔ Apply for a new driver's license (new state) or update your address (same state).
- ✔ Get children set up in new school and provide school with copies of records.
- ✔ Find new doctors and dentist and provide them with copies of records and if you have pets don't forget a new veterinarian.
- ✔ Meet movers at house. Have them deliver boxes to the rooms they belong in. Place all boxes against the walls so you can still move freely through the house. Find the box with your basics and open first – you will need it.
- ✔ Unpack as soon as possible starting with the kitchen. You can live without most things for a little while, but you will need to cook first. Take pictures of anything that is damaged, so you can file any needed claims as soon as possible.
- ✔ Set up computer to be sure it is still in working order and restore any necessary files.
- ✔ Set up bank accounts.
- ✔ Update insurance for new home, update files for new address for cars and make any adjustments for any new personal property. Remember to order additional riders for computers, fine jewelry and watches.
- ✔ Get cars registered in new state.
- ✔ Throw a housewarming party, and invite your new neighbors!



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