

# Preparing for your move.



## 6-8 Weeks Before Your Move:

- Inventory and evaluate your belongings, including items in your attic, basement, garage. Determine if there is anything you can either donate or sell.
- Make arrangements for storage services.
- Begin using perishable items in your house such as cleaning products and frozen foods.
- Make a list of people to notify of your move including friends, family, subscriptions, creditors, etc.

## 3-4 Weeks Before Your Move:

- Notify utilities (cable, phone, electricity, etc.) of your service shutoff date.
- Arrange for insurance in your new location.
- Make travel arrangements for the day of your move. (Don't make plane reservations for the actual day of your move. Give yourself 1-2 days cushion to handle any unexpected events.)
- Purchase moving supplies, including boxes. We can help – call 800-432-7336 now!
- Begin packing any items that you will not need immediately.
- Have a garage sale for your unneeded items - or donate items to charity.

## 1-2 Weeks Before Your Move:

- Make sure your car is in good working order if you plan to drive to your new location. We can transport your car for you – just let us know.
- Settle any outstanding bills with local merchants.
- Empty safety deposit boxes. Pick up dry cleaning. Drop off library books and video rentals.
- Take pets to the vet for immunization and to retrieve pets' health records.

## 2-3 Days Before Your Move:

- Defrost your freezer and refrigerator.
- Pack a box of personal items that you will need immediately upon arrival at your new home.
- Contact your North American / Central Maine Moving & Storage Relocation Coordinator to confirm arrival time of the moving professionals.
- Notify your Relocation Coordinator of any last-minute details.

## Moving Day:

- Make sure that someone is at home to answer the moving professionals' questions.
- Pack special items for your children and pets including snacks, toys and any favorite items.
- Clear walkways and driveways.
- Remove floor mats and door mats.
- Remove low-hanging items such as plants or wind chimes.
- Point out special items to your moving professionals immediately.
- Read your bill of lading and inventory carefully before you sign them. Make sure you understand all the paperwork and keep it safe until the moving process is complete.
- Find out as many details as you can before the driver leaves your residence. Make sure the driver has clear directions to your new residence.
- Your North American driver may give you a delivery estimate. Understand that certain conditions (traffic, weather) can affect delivery times. Try to be flexible.
- Take one last sweep of your house, checking all closets, the garage, attic, and basement. You don't want to find out that an important (or heavy!) item was left behind.

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