

List of Items that Must be Done to Make a Move

You have already gone through the process of choosing where to move.

1. Gather all essential documents and put in one place.
2. Photograph the current home and all its contents. Do this NOW for security reasons
3. Preliminary Sorting, de-cluttering & organizing to see everything.
4. Create a Transition Plan & Timeline
5. Put together your “team”
6. Customize your space and planning for the next “forever “home.
7. Measure available hanging space at the destination
8. Empty any drawers, shelves or containers that are going to the new residence.
9. “Shop” the home and begin hanging and putting items away inside the furniture pieces that are moving being sure to think about their location and accessibility in the new home. (remember some pieces may move from one use to another). Start with what you need, then move onto what you want, then what you have room for.
10. Purchase Furniture and accessories for any “holes” or requirements that were not met from the old home.
11. If moving locally, contact 2-3 local area packing & moving companies and have them visit the home for a written estimate of costs.
12. If moving long-distance, determine the method of shipment (i.e. container, long-haul moving-line, end-to-end mover, self-serve (U-Haul)
13. Sorting, de-cluttering & organizing of what is left to find hidden items...don't forget basements, attics and crawl spaces.
14. Determine what to give away, donate, sell or throw away.
15. If needed, determine insurance coverage for homeowner and renters policies while moving
16. Arranging & signing mover contracts.
17. Packing (using professionals with Insurance coverage is recommended) – Also try to use Room Labels to speed up the unpack process.
18. Oversight on Move Day(s): Have a “helping hand” person to take care of your loved one for the day. Take them to lunch, a movie or something they are interested in. This person will also be responsible for bringing the suitcase and medications and anything else of immediate importance. This will prevent it from getting lost or misplaced.
19. You may need another person (or the same person) to help with any animals and their needs.
20. Unpacking boxes: Decide who will be responsible for this. Do this while “helping hand” has loved one out.
21. Hang Photos: Decide who will be responsible for this. Bring measuring tape, hammer and picture hangers.

22. "Helping hand" person will bring your loved one to a completely ready place. The furniture should be in place, the bed made, the photos hung, the silverware in the drawers, the bathroom set up, the clothing in the closets and dressers. Move in ready.
23. Flowers, candy, beer and wine always make a nice "welcome home" statement.
24. Arrange shipping and/or storage of select items: these are items that are being given to others and will need to find a way there or be picked up by recipient.
25. Storage: I recommend NOT having a storage facility. If your loved one doesn't need it now, they will most likely not need it in the future. Also, a storage facility costs money and eventually will require another time and set of hands to distribute or get rid of. If you MUST get one, put as little in it as possible with a date to close it down.
26. Property clean-up, repairs & contract management: Estate sales and consignment arrangements:
27. Choose a trusted Realtor SRES to help your family sell the house.