

Moving People, Pets, Plants and Utilities

(Oh, And Change Your Address!)

Now's the time to focus on some of the more sensitive aspects of moving. By now, your kids probably know that the move is coming. Preparing your pets is a whole different story. Follow these tips to make sure every member of your household is prepared for the change.



Tips for Moving With Children

- ☐ Toss or donate old toys and clothing.
- ☐ Introduce your kids to the new space, if possible.
- ☐ Inspire kids to decorate their new room.
- ☐ Encourage kids to pack some of their things by themselves.
- ☐ Fill a moving backpack with special toys, snacks and overnight items.
- ☐ Hire a babysitter for moving day.



Tips for Moving With Pets

- ☐ Research rules and regulations in your new area.
- ☐ Find a new veterinarian if necessary.
- ☐ Update pet identification tags.
- ☐ Pet-proof your new home before moving in.
- ☐ Consider a pet hotel or a pet sitter.

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How to Move Your Plants

- ☐ Transfer plants into pots.
- ☐ Pack pots in open boxes.
- ☐ Wrap plants during winter moves.
- ☐ Water plants along the way.
- ☐ Plant in new ground as soon as possible.



How to Move Your Utilities

- ☐ Make a list of your utilities.
- ☐ Research providers in your new area.
- ☐ Call your current utility providers.
- ☐ Ask about available discounts.
- ☐ Schedule any necessary appointments.



Places to Notify of Your New Address

- ☐ The U.S. Postal Service.
- ☐ Your bank.
- ☐ Magazines and catalogs you subscribe to.
- ☐ Organizations and clubs.
- ☐ The Department of Motor Vehicles.