

8 WEEKS

- Start collecting estimates.
 - Start researching your new community.
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7 WEEKS

- Obtain medical and dental records - including prescriptions and shot records. Get referrals for new health care providers
 - Arrange to have school records transferred to your children's new school district and/or daycare.
 - Call your insurance agent for policy changes. Ask if moving is covered and arrange for insurance for your new home.
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6 WEEKS

- Make a list of things that are valuable or difficult to replace. Plan on shipping these by certified mail or carrying them with you.
 - Make a list of friends, relatives and businesses that need to be notified of your move.
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4 WEEKS

- Fill out change of address order form for post office.
 - Fill out an IRS change of address form.
 - Make arrangements with moving company or reserve a rental truck or arrange for help on moving day.
 - Take inventory of your belongings in the event you need to file an insurance claim. Take pictures/videotape your belongings.
 - Record serial numbers of electronic equipment.
 - Make arrangements for transporting pets.
 - Start using up food items, so that there is less left to pack and possibly spoil.
 - Switch utility services to new address. Inform electric, disposal, water, newspaper, magazine subscriptions, telephone and cable companies of your move
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3 WEEKS

- Make sure all library books have been returned and that all dry cleaning or items out for repair have been picked up.
 - Start packing items you don't use often. Also dispose items yard sale, donation or the junkyard items.
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2 WEEKS

- Transfer or close bank accounts. Clear out safety deposit boxes. Pick up traveler's checks or cash for "on the road" expenses.
 - Make arrangements for the house to be professionally cleaned, or for a crew to assist you in cleaning once it is empty.
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1 WEEK

- Finish packing and prepare an essentials box (see sidebar).
 - Empty, defrost and clean your refrigerator at least 24 hours before moving day. Prepare all appliances for loading.
 - Dismantle furniture, remove curtains, pictures & light fixtures, unless the moving company is contracted to provide this service.
 - Collect valuables from safe-deposit box. Make copies of any important documents & mail/hand carry them to your new address.
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