

Moving timeline

Planning ahead is the real key to a successful move.
Here is a suggested timeline to assist you in your plans.

PRIOR TO MOVE

6 WEEKS:

- Make an inventory of everything to be moved
- Sort things: donate, sell or throw away
- Contact moving companies for estimates; select a moving company
- Get cardboard boxes and packing materials
- Research your new neighbourhood
- Contact your insurance agent for transfer coverage, especially for out-of-town moves

4 WEEKS:

- Notify individuals, companies, and institutions of your change of address
- Contact utility companies for refunds or deposits and establish turn-off dates
- Service power mowers, boats, etc. that are to be moved; drain all gas and oil to prevent fire in transport
- Remove jewellery and other valuables to a safe deposit box to prevent loss during the move
- Finalize arrangements with the moving company

2 WEEKS:

- Call your phone/internet/cable and utility services such as gas and electric to establish a date for service to begin
- Pack items you won't need over the next two weeks
- Pack a separate box of cleaning products and tools
- Arrange for pet travel
- Dispose of all flammable liquids such as spray paints, solvents, thinners and gasoline
- Return/retrieve all borrowed/loaned items
- Check and inventory all furniture for dents and scratches; notify the moving company and compare on the final day
- Cancel or change address with all subscriptions and services
- Make arrangements with your agent to transfer keys, garage door openers, warranty papers, mail, amenity and locker keys to the new owners
- Arrange for a babysitter or someone to watch the kids on moving day

MOVING DAY!

- Stay at the house until the movers have gone - oversee the inventory and make last minute decisions
- Tell the packers and/or driver about fragile or precious items
- Confirm with the driver that they have the correct delivery address
- Leave keys with your real estate agent
- Make a final check of the entire home before leaving

AFTER ARRIVAL

- Check pilot lights on the range, hot water heater and furnace
- Install new batteries in smoke detectors
- Double check your address has been updated everywhere and update your driver's license
- If moving to a new province, register your car soon after arrival