

PETS AND PLANTS



It is important to plan ahead for your pets and plants when moving. They demand special attention as you organize your move.

Pets

Consult your veterinarian well before the move to make sure your pet records and inoculations are current. You should carry these documents with you during the move, along with your other personal records.

Pet carriers are advisable for car travel, and it will ease your pet through the moving process if you get him or her used to the carrier during the weeks before the move. Take your pet for a short ride in the car, using the carrier, to familiarize him or her with the process and the carrier.

You might want to board your pets at a kennel in your new hometown during the move-in period. It will give you a chance to get your house in order before the pets arrive. And once they arrive, check the yard and the home for items that might be harmful to your pets. Place the pet's food, bed and litter box (for cats) in the same relative location in your new home.

Neighbors can be a good source for a vet recommendation, and it will give you one more reason to get acquainted in the first few days.

And finally, make sure your pets are registered in your new community. Be sure to change the tags to reflect your new address and phone number.

Plants

We often recommend giving favorite plants to friends before the move, or offering them at your pre-move garage sale. If you elect to transport your plants in your automobile, we suggest a dose of extra sunlight for two weeks prior to the move, reasonable pruning and a healthy watering the day before you depart.

- **It's important to note** that some states prohibit transporting plants across state lines. It is good to check the regulations before you move.

Neither pets nor plants can be moved aboard moving vans. Your National Van Lines moving counselor can arrange for specialized carriers for both pets and plants, or you can consider the following tips:



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