Make a List and Check it Twice!

Picking up your life and moving is quite an undertaking, but it doesn’t have to be incredibly stressful. It can be very beneficial to assemble a list of all of the things that you need to accomplish before moving day. Obviously, every individual is unique and will have varying tasks to complete before the big day, but there are several universal things that need to be done in order to move successfully. Here is a great list from Howard Hanna to assist clients in the moving process. We want to make your home buying and selling experience as easy and carefree as possible - utilize this list to alleviate any moving anxiety!

**Two Months Before:**

- Begin going through your belongings, especially the contents of your closets, drawers and cupboards, to sort out anything you don’t need or want anymore.
- Get copies of any records you will need, i.e., medical, dental, etc.
- Acquire packing materials such as boxes, tape, padding and markers.

**One Month Before:**

- Schedule disconnection/connection of utilities at both your current residence and your new place.
- Begin packing nonessential items.
- Notify your post office and bank of your upcoming address change.

**Two Weeks Before:**

- Cancel any services at your current residence, e.g., subscriptions, lawn, newspapers, etc.
- Continue packing and cleaning your place as you go.

**One Week Before:**

- Ensure that all paperwork has been completed for both your current residence and your new residence.
- Have appliances serviced for moving.
- If using a moving company, confirm details, including times and addresses.
Two Days Before:

- Defrost your freezer and clean your fridge.
- Pack a bag to keep with you for items you may want or need, including snacks, water, documentation, tools, etc.

Day Before:

- Pack a suitcase to serve as an overnight bag with necessary clothing and toiletries.
- If transporting anything yourself, pack it in the vehicle the day before the move to save time and energy on the big day.

Moving Day:

- Walk through your current residence one last time and then sign the bill of lading.
- Leave your contact information for new residents to forward any mail.
- Begin the journey to your new place of residence!

At the new place...

- Confirm that the utilities are working.
- Perform an initial inspection and document any damages.
- Clean and begin unpacking!

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