

## Moving Day Checklist

- \_\_\_ Assemble a moving day kit
  - \_\_\_ hammer, pliers, multi-head screwdriver, utility knife
  - \_\_\_ toilet paper
  - \_\_\_ cleaning wipes for people, waterless hand cleaner
  - \_\_\_ cleaning wipes for counters, floors, windows, etc.
  - \_\_\_ tape measure
  - \_\_\_ paper towels
  - \_\_\_ notepad & pen
  - \_\_\_ trash bags, assorted Ziploc bags
  - \_\_\_ masking tape, packing tape & felt-tip marker
  - \_\_\_ cardboard, plastic, old towels to put on the floor in the new house
- \_\_\_ Mark all boxes you'll need first "OPEN FIRST" and load last.
- \_\_\_ Make sure all boxes and furniture are marked with which room they go to.
- \_\_\_ Make one last check of every room and every closet, under every sink and vanity.
- \_\_\_ Leave your new address, phone number and cell phone number with a neighbor.
- \_\_\_ Give your new address, phone number and cell phone number to the truck driver.
- \_\_\_ Give each box a number and keep a list of the box number and contents
- \_\_\_ Say good-bye to your old house.

***Before you get to this point, consider whether the sellers' housecleaning standards are up to yours and if not, have the house thoroughly and professionally cleaned. Yes, the sellers should have left it clean and they may think they did.***

### **At your new house: FIRST, check that the utilities are on.**

- \_\_\_ If it's raining, put down carpet remnants or tape down cardboard or plastic.
- \_\_\_ Have someone there to direct the furniture and box placement.
- \_\_\_ Feed the movers. If you've hired a moving company, cold sodas, water bottles, and a box of cookies will go a long way toward unbroken china. If you've hired friends, ditto above, followed by pizza and beer when you've finished, will go a long way toward unbroken friendships.
- \_\_\_ Get the beds ready first, the kitchen second, any one other room third. This way you can go to bed and get a good night's sleep, make coffee and toast at least, and have one room that isn't total chaos in which to relax.
- \_\_\_ Unpack the "OPEN FIRST" boxes.
- \_\_\_ Retrieve the dog and/or cat from the kennel or friend's house.
- \_\_\_ When the day is finished, or you are, whichever comes first:
  - \_\_\_ Check out the neighborhood by taking a walk and meeting your neighbors.
  - \_\_\_ Take a long, hot, soaking bath, and break out that bottle of champagne.
- \_\_\_ Remember, Goodwill takes donations from your new location too; just because you moved it doesn't mean you have to keep it if it doesn't fit the new house.

- \_\_\_ Consider painting the insides of the closets now, before you load them up; it's much easier now. If they need to be painted, a coat of off-white will help enormously and you won't feel so pressured to paint the whole room and the closet too.
- \_\_\_ Treat yourself and other family members as rooms are finished.

***Congratulations -- you've survived, you've arrived!***