

Prepare For Your Move



Update your mailing address at usps.com or fill out a change-of-address form at your local post office.

Change your address with important service providers, such as your bank credit companies, subscriptions, and others.

Create a list of people who will need your new address. Whether you plan on sending formal change-of-address notices in the mail or just e-mailing the family members, friends, and colleagues who should be informed, a list will ensure no one gets left out.

Contact utility companies. Make sure they're aware of your closing date, and arrange for service at your new home if the service provider will remain the same.

Check insurance coverage. The insurance your moving company provides will generally only cover the items they transport for you. Ensure you have coverage for any items you'll be moving yourself.

Unplug, disassemble, and clean out appliances. This will make them easier to pack, move and plug in at your new home.

Check with condo board or HOA about any restrictions on using the elevator or a particular entrance for moving, if applicable.

Pack an "Open First" box. Include items you'll need most, such as toilet paper, soap, trash bags, charger, box cutters, hammer, screwdriver, pens and paper, cups and plates, water, snack, towels, bedding and basic toiletries.

If you're moving a long distance:

Obtain copies of important records from your doctor, dentist, pharmacy, veterinarian and children's schools.