

Moving Tips:

- *Give your forwarding address to the post office, usually 2-4 weeks ahead of the move.*
- *Notify our charge cards, magazine subscriptions, and bank of the change of address.*
- *Develop a list of friends, relatives, and business colleagues who need to be notified of the move.*
- *Arrange to have utilities disconnected at your old home and connected at your new one.*
- *Cancel the newspaper.*
- *Check insurance coverage for moved items. Usually movers only cover what they pack.*
- *Clean out appliances and prepare them for moving, if applicable.*
- *Note the weight of the goods you'll have moved, since long-distance moves are usually billed according to weight. Watch for movers that use excessive padding to add weight.*
- *Check with your condo or co-op about restrictions on using the elevator or particular exits.*
- *Have a "first open" box with the things you'll need most—toilet paper, soap, trash bags, scissors, hammer, screwdriver, pencils and paper, cups and plates, water, snacks, and toothpaste.*

And if you are moving out of town

- *Get copies of medical and dental records and prescriptions for your family and your pets.*
- *Get copies of children's school records for transfer.*
- *Ask friends for introductions to anyone they know in your new neighborhood.*
- *Consider special car needs for pets when traveling.*
- *Let a friend or relative know your route.*
- *Carry traveler's checks or an ATM card for ready cash until you can open a bank account.*
- *Empty your safety deposit box.*
- *Put plants in boxes with holes for air circulation if you're moving in cold weather.*