

## ‘Timeline recommendations before your move’

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### **Eight weeks (or more) before your move:**

- Get quote(s) from moving companies if you decide to use a mover. Be sure to get all the moving costs in writing. **OS.ca**
- If you decide to move everything yourself, make arrangements with a truck rental company if necessary. **OS.ca**
- Buy moving supplies: Boxes, tape, markers, bubble wrap, etc. **OS.ca**
- Identify through the use of coloured stickers which furniture/items to bring, leave, dispose of or give away.
- If you need a storage place, start looking for one and book it. **OS.ca**
- Arrange a transport service for your pets, if necessary.
- Fill-out the Canada Post *Change of Address* form.
- Start packing items that you will not need or use prior to the move. **OS.ca**
- Be sure to save all the receipts for your moving expenses, as they may be tax deductible. Please consult your Accountant or tax adviser for more information.
- Organize all your important documents like birth certificates, medical records, passports, tax returns, bank statements, etc. and put them in a safe fireproof box.
- Do some research about your new community (It will be helpful to know things about the lifestyle, shopping, activities and transportation within the neighbourhood).
- Pick a move date that coincides with the moving company’ (if used) delivery date.

### **One month before your move:**

- Contact your moving company to confirm the move and delivery date and update any other moving details. **OS.ca**
- Inform clubs or any organizations you belong to about your move.
- Arrange hotel accommodations or temporary housing, if necessary.
- Cancel magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

- Notify your Doctor, Dentist, Optometrist, Insurance Companies, etc. of your impending address change.
- Make a list of relatives, friends and other people you want to inform about your move and give them your new contact information.
- Contact your bank to make arrangements for transferring accounts, if necessary and order new cheques with your new address.
- If you have a safety deposit box, be sure to clean it out and transfer contents to your new bank branch.
- Notify your utility service companies; cable, gas, water, internet, telephone, etc. to schedule a disconnection date for your current house and connection date for your new home.
- Advertise your garage/yard sale if you plan to have one. **OS.ca**

### **Two weeks before your move:**

- Identify last minute items that you will not need until you arrive at your new home. Get these items packed and labeled. Set aside in an area that is convenient for the movers (this may help save moving costs). Make sure to affix an inventory label to each box. **OS.ca**
- Disassemble any large furniture if not needed until you arrive at your new home (this may also help save moving costs). **OS.ca**
- Look at your new home's floor plan and identify which room each of your packed boxes and large furniture pieces will be moved to (this is a huge advantage to make the transition easier on both the movers and more importantly you!)
- Make arrangements with a cleaning service to clean your current house, if necessary. **OS.ca**
- Dispose any unwanted things and furniture or arrange for these items to be sent to a consignment store or charity. **OS.ca**

### **One week before your move:**

- Try to finish packing as much as possible. **OS.ca**
- Fill any prescriptions or medications, if necessary.
- Plan meals for the whole week so you can start emptying your refrigerator.

### **The day before your move:**

- Finish packing and labeling the boxes. **OS.ca**
- Pack your suitcase with one set of clothes, toiletries, medications, towels, blankets, etc. in case you are unable to move right in to your new home. It is always recommended that you are aware that there could be delays in setting up necessary items such as; beds, kitchen items, etc. to provide a comfortable lifestyle.
- Check all cabinets, drawers, and closets to make sure you packed everything.
- Set aside boxes, tape, scissors, rope, labels, markers, etc. for last minute packing. **OS.ca**

## Moving day:

- Do not make any plans for the day but to be around for the move! Chances are you will be home the entire time to supervise or observe the move.
- Be sure that the truck that shows up belongs to the moving company you chose. **OS.ca**
- Verify the delivery address, delivery date and directions are correct.
- Carry all valuable items yourself like important documents, jewelry, collectables, etc.
- Empty refrigerator and freezer contents into coolers. **OS.ca**
- Turn off all appliances before you leave. **OS.ca**
- Throw all the trash. **OS.ca**
- Notify family or close friend of our itinerary for emergency purposes.
- Before leaving the house, make sure to check the entire house to make sure you don't forget anything.
- If the house will be left vacant for more than a day, be sure to contact your insurance agent and the police department to let them know how long the house will be empty.

## Moving into your new home day:

- Prepare for some disruptions, it is unlikely that everything will go completely as expected. You may want to have a service like ours there to assist with the move at your new home. **OS.ca**
- Having done your homework in advance (identifying which boxes/furniture goes to which room) you can now tackle un-packing the rooms in a priority sequence so you can be living in your home sooner. **OS.ca**

*OK, you are in, now the most important step in the entire process ... take a deep breath, call up your loved ones and go treat yourself to a well-deserved dinner! 😊*



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