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"Protecting What You Love, Managing The Rest."

MOVING CHECKLIST SUGGESTIONS

1 Month before downsize/move

- Create a folder for moving records (retirement community floor plan, inventory lists, estimates)
- If you are thinking about having an estate sale, meet with a couple companies immediately. Managed Moves gets booked out 2 months for estate sales.
- A downsize can be overwhelming, meet with a downsizer for a free consultation.
- Start sorting through each room, separating items you going to move with you.
- Take time to sort through extra papers that have built up and shred sensitive, unneeded documents. We recommend, Office Depot and Shred-it.
- Get written estimate(s) for your pack and move from a licensed moving company. You can ask your retirement community for their referral.
- If you are packing yourself, start buying boxes and packing material. (Home Depot, Lowes, and Uhaul have the lowest prices and quality boxes)
- Return borrowed or checked out items and get back items you have lent out.
- Start using up food you have stored up.
- Start allocating items to family that you are not going to move.

2 Weeks before Move

- Plan how you will arrange furniture in the new place, acquire a floor plan from your retirement community.
- Schedule disconnection of utilities: phone, internet, cable, water, gas, garbage, electric. IF you are having a do an estate clean up keep garbage service until that is completed.
- Research storage facilities if needed.
- Finalize and schedule your pack and move.
- Find out if your mover supplies wardrobe boxes for hanging clothing. If they do supply wardrobe boxes, separate out the clothing not going with you.
- Consider having your packer unpack and settle you into your new home so you can focus on settling into your new community.
- Begin packing nonessential items.
- Label boxes by room that they will be going into. Labeling contents is helpful too.
- Create an inventory list of furniture you are moving. Label each piece of furniture and art with painter's tape so it is clear what is going to move.
- Fill out change of address form at the post office or online.
- Provide important contacts with your new address.
- Schedule a charity pick up or make donation drops of items you are not moving (if you are not having us do an estate clean out) or ask your mover to make an extra stop at your preferred donation location.

1 Week before Move

- Continue packing and sort and clean as you go. Make sure are using boxes that will be closed top for efficient loading in the truck.
- Separate valuable or precious items that with move with you. Label as "Do not move".
- If possible schedule a family member or friend to be with you the day of the move. Don't underestimate the stress you may have on move day.
- Get rid of flammables such as paint, propane or gasoline if you not having Managed Moves do a clean out for you.
- Try to use up perishable food.
- Prepare for moving expenses.
- Most movers will stretch wrap anything with drawers and doors. You can keep soft items, such as clothing and linens, in your dresser. Don't pack more than you need to.
- Are you going to finish your own packing? If not, don't stress, call your moving company and have a packer come out the day before the move to complete packing and stage for the movers.
- Ask for a Household Goods Consumer Bulletin (insert link). You are expected to sign off on this the day of the move.

2 days before Move

- Make a schedule or action plan for the day of the move.
- If you have a packer coming tomorrow, call and confirm their arrival.
- Pack a bag to take with you, include medications, TV remote, checkbook, glasses, etc.
- Double check marked furniture that is moving. Make sure you are clear on your moving inventory.

1 Day before Move

- Complete packing.
- Keep a couple boxes open, 1 in the kitchen, bathroom and maybe bedroom, for last minute items you're still using.
- If moving with Managed Moves, we pack the day before your move. Complete the final walk through with your packer to ensure everything is ready. Bedding will be packed by movers on move day so they can make your bed in your new home.
- Set aside a cooler for refrigerated food you will be moving.
- Talk to your packer about doing an unpack immediately after your move.

Moving Day

- Eat Breakfast!**
- On mover's arrival, sign the bill of lading.
- Do a walk through with the lead mover to show them everything that is going. This is especially important in a downsize and when there are multiple stops for truck load order.
- Do a final walk through after everything has been moved onto the truck.



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