

## Moving Tips

### Getting Ready to Move

- **Reserve a Moving Truck**
  - Call 2-4 Weeks in Advance for Best Prices
  - Ask About Rates-Daily and Mileage
  - Get Confirmation Number
  - Get Dealer Phone Number
- **Stop/Start**
  - Local Phone Service
  - Long Distance Provider
  - Gas and Electric
  - Cable/Satellite
  - Bank Accounts
  - Newspapers
- **Change Your Address**
  - Send Official Form to Post Office
  - Advise Old/New Schools
  - Notify Credit Card Companies
  - Change Subscriptions
  - Update Your Drivers License
  - Register to Vote
- **Prepare For Your New Place**
  - Measure Doorways, Stairwells to make sure you can get furniture through
  - Measure windows for curtains, floor space for furniture
  - Look into Renters Insurance

### Pack Like A Pro

- **Get Packing Materials**
  - Boxes
  - Bubble Wrap
  - Packing Tape
  - Furniture Pads
- **Pack a Special Box**
  - Jewelry and other Valuables
  - Birth Certificates, Medical and Dental Records
  - Legal and Financial Documents
  - Pen and Paper
  - Light Bulbs and a Phone
  - Paper Towels and Trash Bags
  - Scissors, Tools, Flashlight
  - Prescription Drugs
  - Aspirin and Toilet Paper!
- **Pack Early**
  - Start with Off-Season Things and Rarely Used Items
  - Label Two Sides of Every Box with Room Name
- **Kitchenware**
  - Line Cartons with Packing Material
  - Wrap each Piece Separately
  - Cushion boxes containing glasses and cups
- **Clothing**
  - Leave Clothing in Drawers or Pack in Suitcases
  - Pack Hanging Clothes in Wardrobe Boxes
- **Furniture**
  - Take Apart BEDS and Tape Hardware to Frame
  - Protect Mattresses with Fitted Sheets or Plastic
  - Remove TABLE Legs, Pad, and Tie Together
  - Table Hardware under Table Top
  - Wrap PAINTINGS and MIRRORS in blankets or rugs
- **Pack Your Truck 1/4 At A Time**
  - Large First
  - Heaviest at Bottom

## Getting Connected

- **Discontinue Current Phone Service**  
Have Your Old Line "Turned OFF" Day After Moving  
Have Calls Forwarded to Your New Number
- **Set Up New Phone Service**  
Get New Local Number  
Extra Line for Internet or Fax?  
Extra Phone Services:  
Caller ID  
Call Waiting  
Call Forwarding  
Voice Mail  
Additional Line  
High Speed Line (DSL/ISDN)
- **Compare Long Distance Rates**  
Look for a Plan with Rates that Match Your Calling Time Schedule
- **Sign Up For Long Distance**  
Long Distance Companies will Notify the Local Service Providers  
Have Your Local Service FIRST!
- **Check Your New Community**  
Electric Service  
Gas Service  
Water Service  
Cable/Satellite  
Internet Access

## Protecting Your Stuff

- **Know Your Risk**  
Know Insurance Coverage
- **Your Things Add Up**  
Take Time to Stock the Value of Your Belongings  
Furniture, Clothing, Electronics, Etc.
- **Check Out Renters Insurance**  
Typically Costs Less than \$20 a Month  
Reimburses You for Covered Losses, Home and Away  
Covers Additional Living Expenses (if forced to live elsewhere)  
Protects You From Personal Liability if Someone is Injured Accidentally in Your Apartment
- **Review Your Financial Protection**  
Review Banking Services  
Checking Account  
Overdraft Protection  
ATM or Debit Card  
ON-Line Banking  
Safe Deposit Box  
Savings Account  
Money Market Account  
IRA Account
- **Order New Checks**