

Tips for Moving

A quick reference guide on moving homes

We hope that this article will help you as you plan to move from your current residence to your new residence. The first and foremost tip is to keep track of all your moving expenses, as they are often tax deductible.

The busiest time of year to move is in the summertime; you may have a hard time getting a good moving company during this time. Also, the first and the last of each month are very busy times as well, especially for rentals of a do-it-yourself moving truck. This is normally due to the fact that peoples rental agreements begin and end on the first or last of each month (generally). If possible, try to avoid these times when planning your move, and it will be less stressful for you.

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Listed below is the general order that you will do approximately 6-8 weeks prior to moving:

Start collecting cardboard boxes and other containers for moving. Begin packing out of season clothing and other items

If you are going to be taking draperies and/or carpets, have them cleaned before your move and then pack them for protection.

Make sure to notify the following Companies/Agencies/People of your move...

When applicable, contact new ones in the area you are moving to:

- Electric Company
- Gas Company
- Water Company
- Telephone (keep your current phone in service through moving day... You may need it)
- Trash Removal
- Auto/Other Insurance
- Stock Broker/Financial Advisor
- Accountant
- Lawyer
- Banks
- Credit Card Companies
- Driver License
- Governmental Agencies
- Newspapers, magazines, other publications that you are currently receiving
- Family, Friends, Business Contacts
- Cable or Satellite TV
- Post Office – leave a forwarding address

When you move into your new home:

- Check the telephone, gas, electricity and water
- Check the pilot lights in your stove, furnace, and hot water heater
- Register to vote
- Register your car with a new province right away (if applicable)
- Obtain a new Drivers License